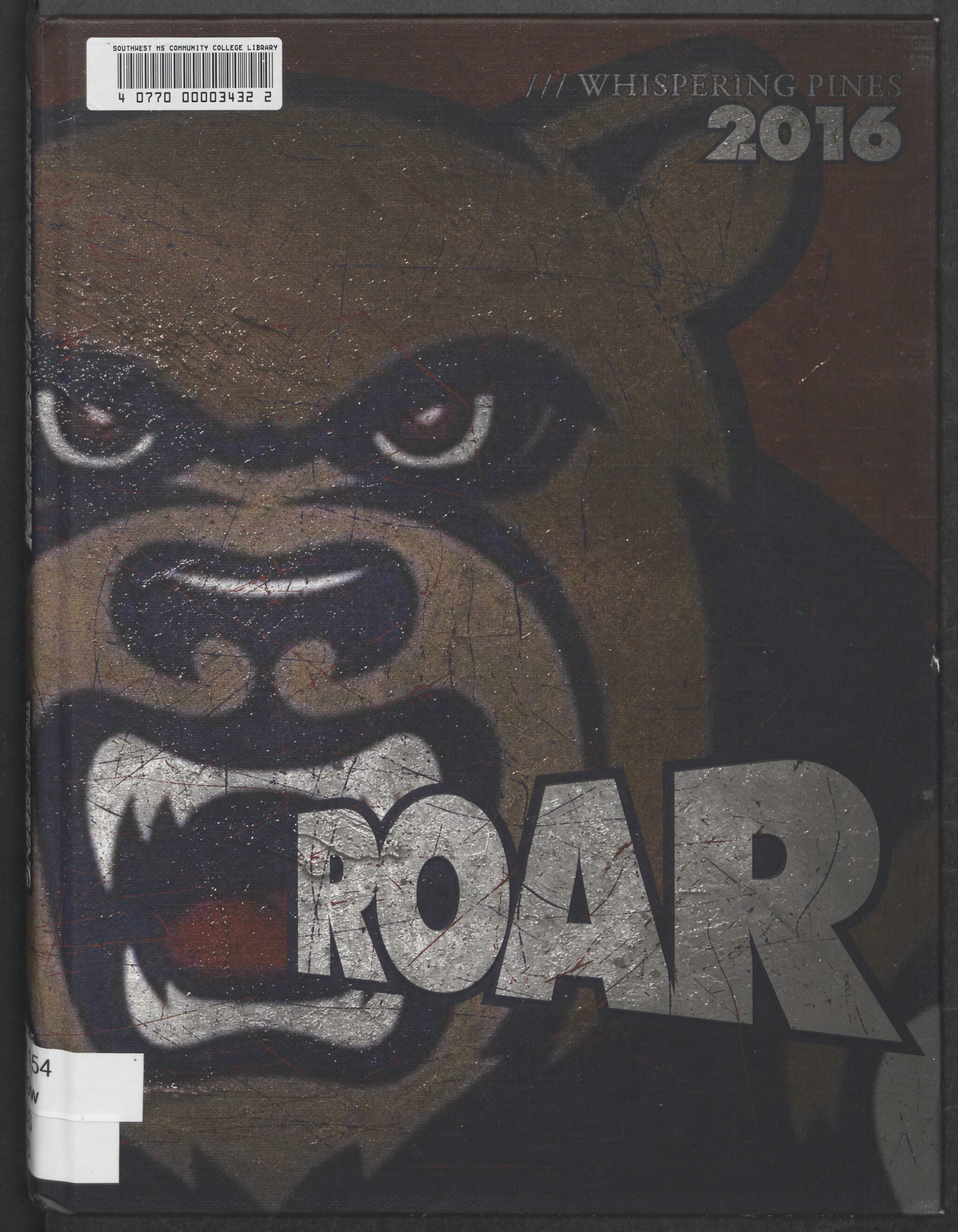
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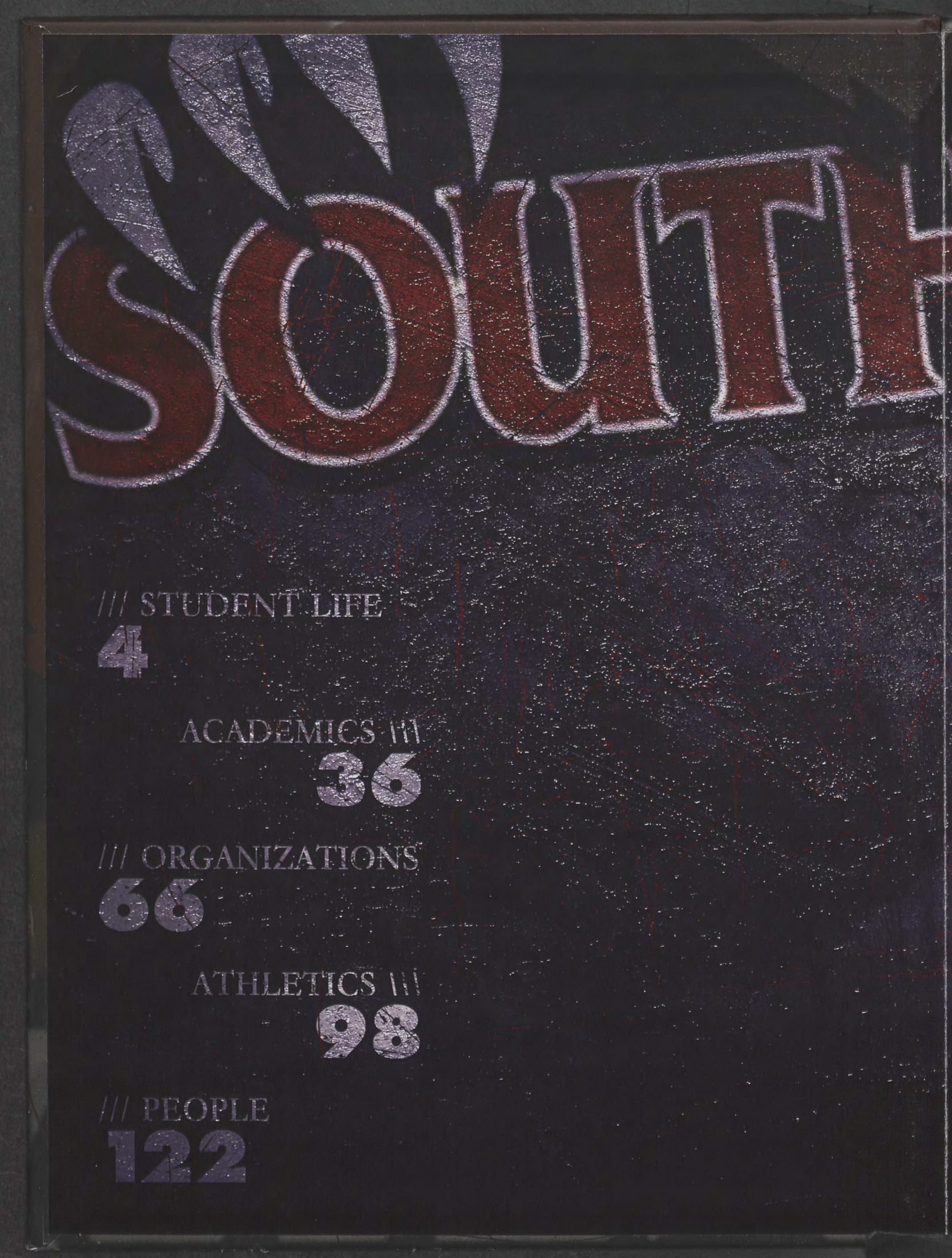
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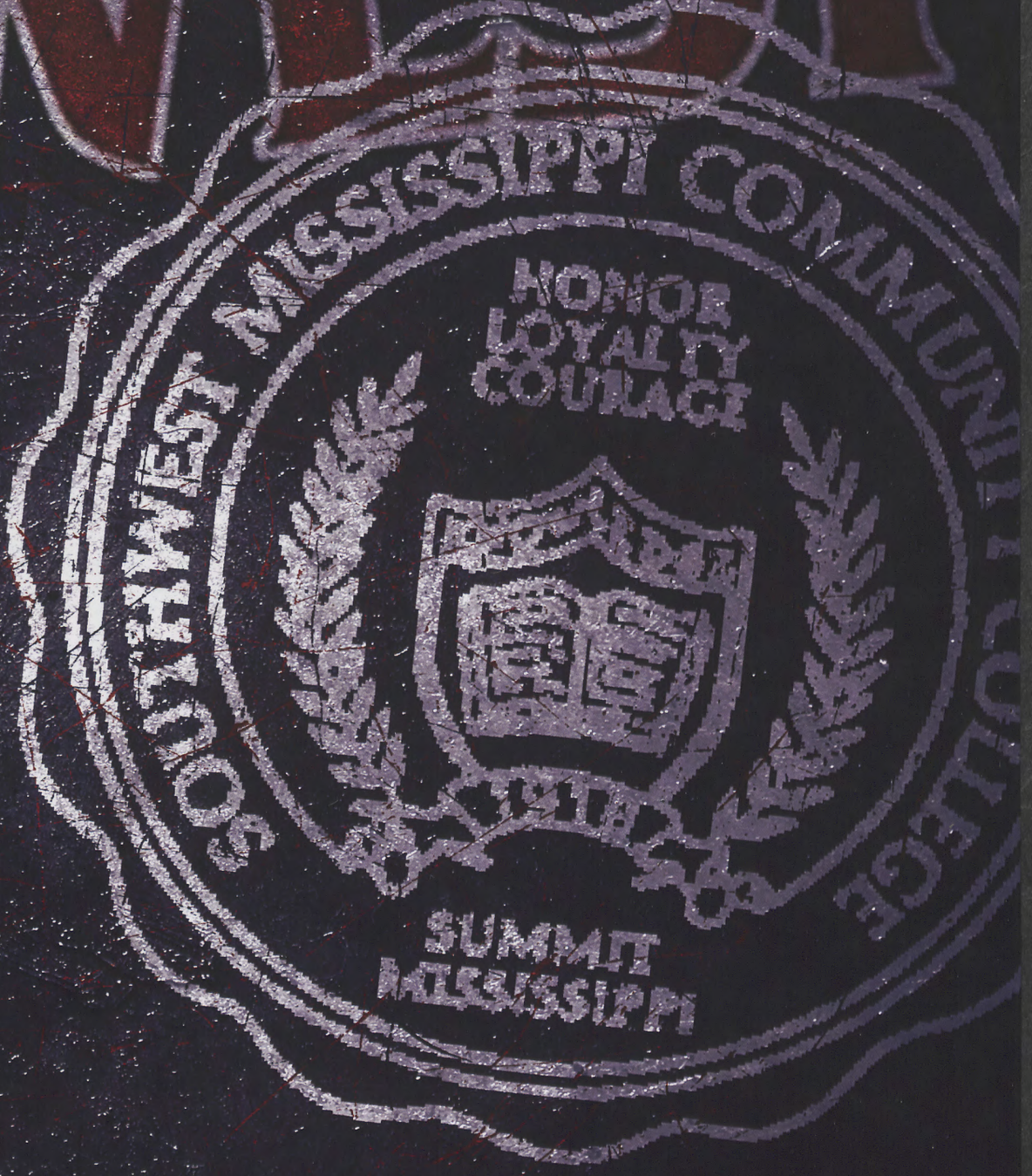
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above: the Bears' football team charges onto the field before the game; right: Monica Amic yells for the Bears; middle right: Justin Taylor performs an uproaring song during the Spring Stage Band show; far right: Katelynn Roberts shouts out at parade goers during the Mardi Gras parade.



ROAR

Roar was the ultimate goal at Southwest. Whether "Roar" was used in the literal sense, such as the booming noise of the football players storming the field at Thursday night football games, or the word was used in a more figurative sense, students, faculty, and staff met, and sometimes even exceeded, that goal.

From bonfires to color runs and commemorating events such as Veterans' Day to joining in on Homecoming activities, student life on campus was a clamorous affair. Activities such as intramural sports such as flag football and dodgeball gave students the opportunity to show their competitive sides in an environment conducive to good sportsmanship. Southwest students were always eager to show their Bear pride and "Roar" to the finish line.

Achievements such as national rankings and state titles both catapulted this place of higher education atop a pillar of excellence in all aspects. The expansion and enhancement of many programs bolstered Southwest's already excellent reputation. Students at Southwest flocked to the numerous extracurricular activities. Clubs and organizations ranging from Future Educators of America to the many Honors Forums attracted large numbers of students. The deafening intensity of the roaring crowds at Thursday night football games and numerous other sporting events was a sound many will never cease to remember. When the Bears scored touchdowns, the massive crowds bellowed with delight. Home runs further enticed the shouting audience to take part in the excitement of the Bears' exhilarating baseball games.

by Cody Pol





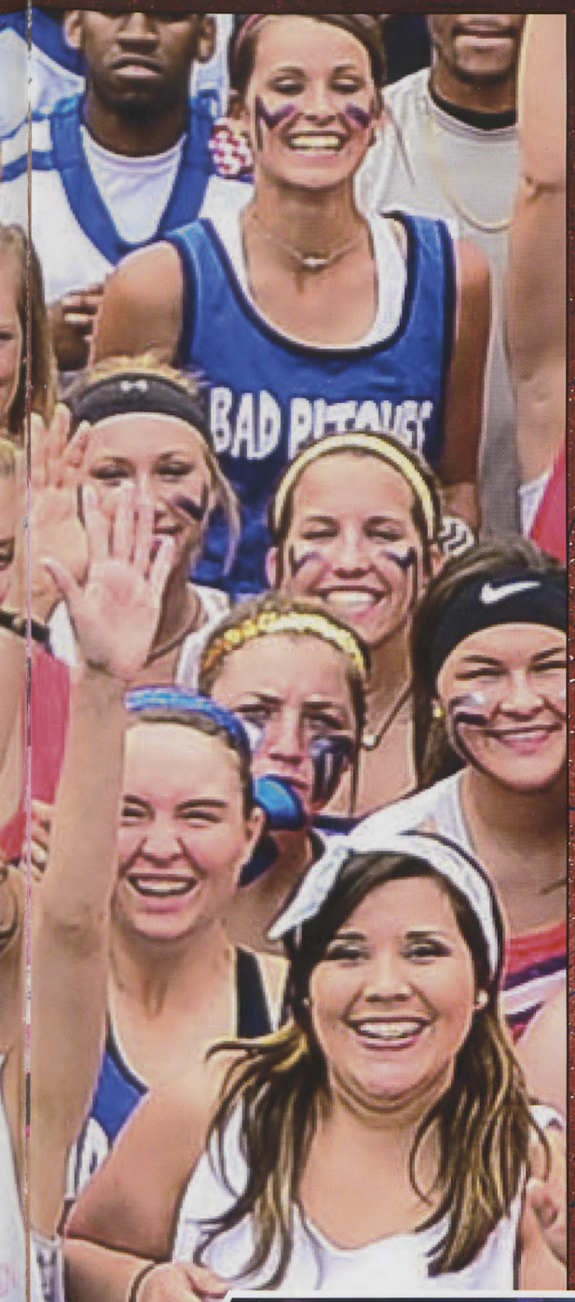




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above: Students shout in celebration of Bear Necessities Day; right: Haley Simmons performs in the Christmas Stage Band show; middle right: Christian Green throws beads along the Mardi Gras parade route; far right: Kaitlyn Pitts hugs Ubie, the blood drive mascot.



STUDENT LIFE

Student life was a major part of being a Bear. Life of the students on campus was beyond phenomenal this year. There was so much happening on campus that it was possible to be zipped right up by the excitement, with a wide range of events such as blood drives and parades to intramural sports and missions.

Annual blood drives held on campus were major events that allowed students to do their part to help save the lives of others. Not only did students get to save lives, but during Valentine's season, students joined together to decorate cupcakes and cards addressed to hospitalized children. Students enriched their lives while brightening a child's.

Talent from the students was displayed in a thunderous fashion. All around campus, the amazing talents of the Bears were heard roaring as they performed and wowed the crowd. The stage band stole the show both during the spring and Christmas time performances. The annual talent show was a success, showcasing talent from both the students and other competitors.

School spirit reverberated through the students as they put their fierceness to the test. Students competed head to head with each other during competitions. Intramurals brought out the best in students as they regularly met to participate in hands-on sports such as flag football and dodgeball. There were so many teams that gathered together to compete against each other during Bear Necessities Day. Every team was as mighty as they could be while trying to overcome the opposing team and claim victory.

Parades at Southwest included all students. The SGA introduced the Mardi Gras parade to the students this year, and it turned out to be a huge success. The event rivaled the Homecoming parade that was held leading up to the much-anticipated game.

Student life at Southwest was a blast. The cheerleaders kept everyone ecstatic as they beamed with Bear pride. Athletic teams brought everyone to their feet as they brought the teams to victory. The students and teachers had every aspect of life on campus rolling right along with a mighty roar.

by Ashley S. Prejean









///tailgating
pump up the spirit

Tailgating is a tradition held near and dear at Southwest. It is a time for students and fans to gather around and celebrate the Bears. This year, laughter and good times were heard all around as students, staff, faculty, and fans gathered to celebrate and support the Bears against their upcoming games against Coahoma. There were people of all ages gathered together from darling babies to the retired alumni of Southwest.

The Student Government Association kept things interesting with the various activities they held during the week leading up to the football game. They offered a cookout, movie night, and so much more. The cookout was held on campus, and everyone was invited to join in the merryment. Spirits were high as everyone gathered around to enjoy hometown food and good company. Students and fans enjoyed a hearty meal of chicken and catfish to start the gametime festivities.

by Ashley S. Prejean

above: Margaret Mullen, Shaquilla Jordan, Jessi Barnes, and Dallas Smith cheer on the Bears.







"live radio"
show features iconic bands

Southwest's Department of Fine Arts presented its annual Spring Stage Band Show, entitled, "SMCC's 2015 Live Radio Show." This show paid tribute to some of America's most popular music from the past fifty years and introduced the local community to some of today's top artists. The event broadcasted a plethora of show tunes performed by Southwest students that enticed the audience after each curtain call.

Throughout the show, the Stage Band paid tribute to iconic bands from around the world with "The Beatles' Medley," "The Queen Medley," and "The Elvis Medley." There were also performances given by Destiny Stone, winner of Southwest's Got Talent 2015, the SMCC Jazz Project, Choir, Blues Band, and Steel Pans Ensemble. During the intermission, the choir brought a taste of the seventies to Southwest with their endearing performance of Blue Swede's "Hooked on a Feeling." Toward the end of the show, the entire Stage Band and the Steel Pans Ensemble performed a remix of Bastille's "Pompeii." Then, the vocalists brought down the house with their rendition of "Sparkling Diamonds" from the film, *Moulin Rouge*.

Among all of these performances, the finale was perhaps the most alluring and impressive performance overall. As the stage filled with performers, the audience was invited to dance along as the band played "Raise You Up" from the musical, *Kinky Boots*. Everyone on stage had a huge role to play, and the show could not have gone on without them. As Dr. Andrew Dale said, "That's what Southwest is all about. Staying together, improving ourselves, and lifting each other up." As the show ended, the audience cheered loudly, and performers left the stage in high spirits knowing that they had given their all for this performance.

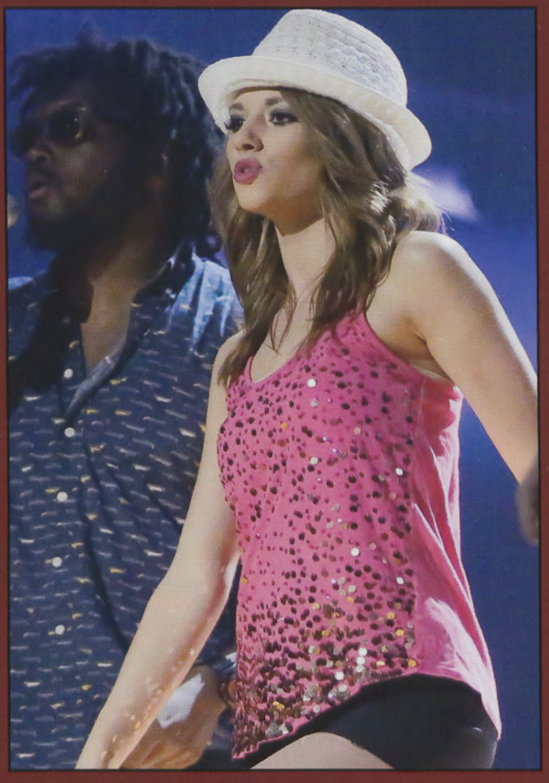
by Cody Pol

above: Shelby Crosby, Lacee Quiroz, and Kaylee Johnson sing the finale, "Raise You Up."


Classic

"uptown funk"
fans move with the music







opposite page: Justin Taylor plays "Parisienne Walkways;" top left: Krawford Boyd sings "Waves;" top right: Darius Jones and Harley Menard dance and sing to "Raise You Up;" above: Rebecca Richmond, Shelby Hilbun, and Alexis Lott express themselves in the opening number, "Uptown Funk."



above: Shelby Crosby, Taylor Slocum, Taylor Gregory, Reagan Costilow, Tayler Jones, Calli Toney, and Lauren Norton roar with excitement at Bear Day; top left: Shelby Hilbun and Harley Menard struggle to win the three-legged race; top right: David Burrell catches his egg in the egg toss competition; far right: Dustin Brock rolls the tire in the race; right: Erica Johns yells as she crosses the finish line.



///bear necessities day

eggs soar through the air

At this year's Bear Necessities Day, students were eager to show off their skills! Each color-coordinated team member participated in a variety of events, including a tug-of-war, tire push relay, three-legged race, dizzy-izzy, relay race, and egg toss. On the morning of Bear Day, individuals participated in a half-mile fun run and a softball throw. David Burrell and Tyceona Campbell were both winners of the half-mile run. In the softball throw, two participants came out on top. Tyler Shell dominated the men's division of the softball throw, and Leyton Terrell triumphed over her win in the women's division. The three-legged race came after the softball throw tournament. Ankles and thighs bound, sets of team members rumbled across the field in pursuit of the win. Next, team members competed in the comical dizzy-izzy. An uproar of laughter ensued as they rushed to complete a dizzying series of twists and turns while trying not to fall in the dirt. Teammates and rivals gathered at intermission with rumbling stomachs. Students shared a meal together and enjoyed each other's fellowship as they rested their aching muscles.

As the end of intermission neared, weary contestants made their way back to the playing field. The next event of the day was the tire push relay. Participants rolled the tire as fast as they could across the field, dodging obstacles and striving to cross the finish line first. Right after the tire push relay came the egg toss. Contestants found themselves covered in a sticky, gooey mess as they tossed eggs back and forth between themselves, widening the gap during each throw. The contestants who kept their egg intact the longest won the game. Right when contestants thought they could push themselves no further, it was time for the relay race. Team members dashed toward the finish line to conquer the others. Finally, the event everyone had been waiting for: the tug-of-war. Students and teammates alike tugged on opposing sides of the rope until the victor was named. In the men's division, The Beast came in first place, and The Vipers came in second place. In the women's division, the first place winners were the Bad Pitches, and the second place winners were the Benchwarmers. Bear Necessities Day was a great success, and all departed wearily but with a joyous attitude.

by Cody Pol

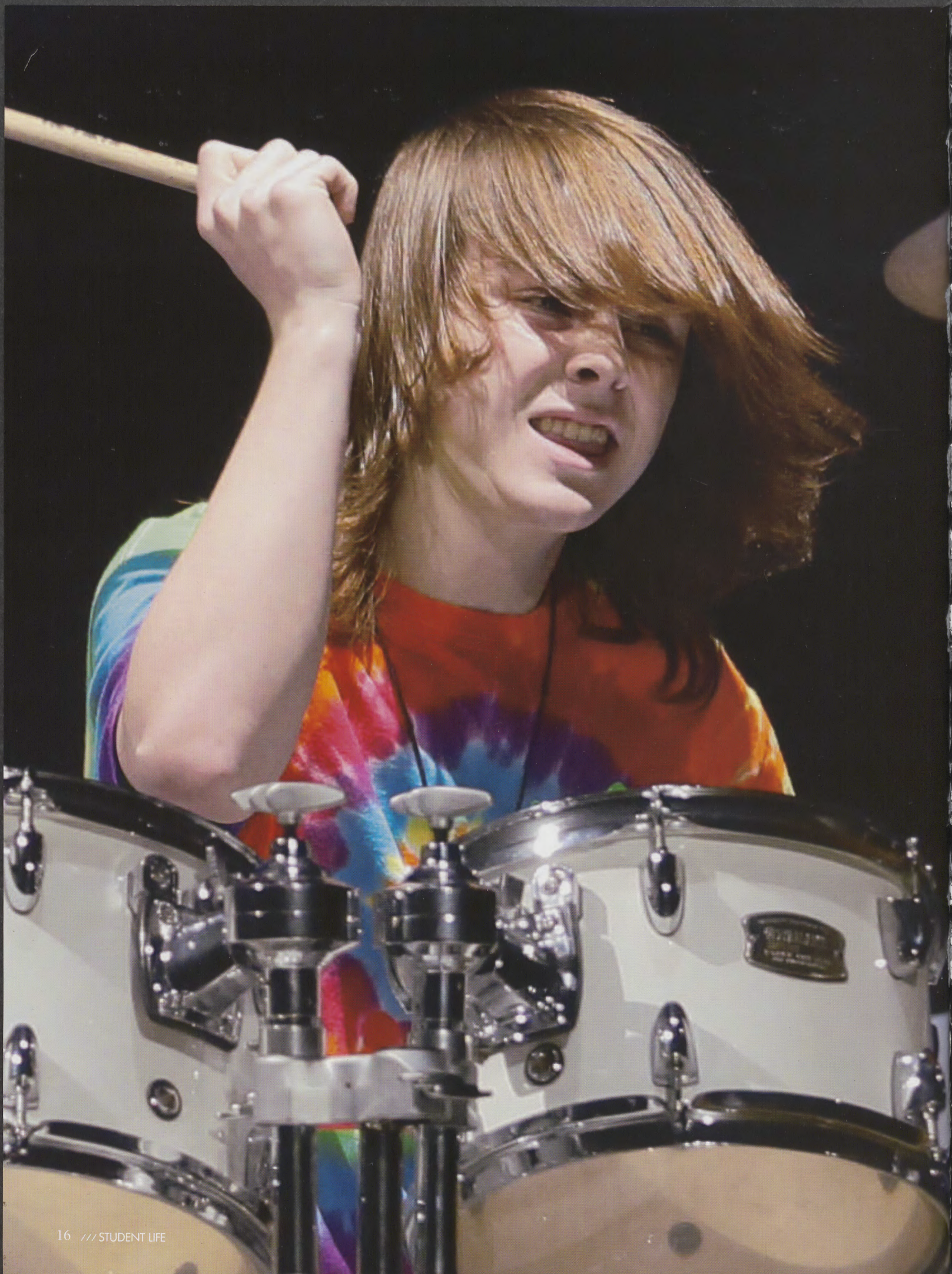

Team #12



"As I struggled to hold on to the rope in the tug-of-war, my competitive spirit growled!"

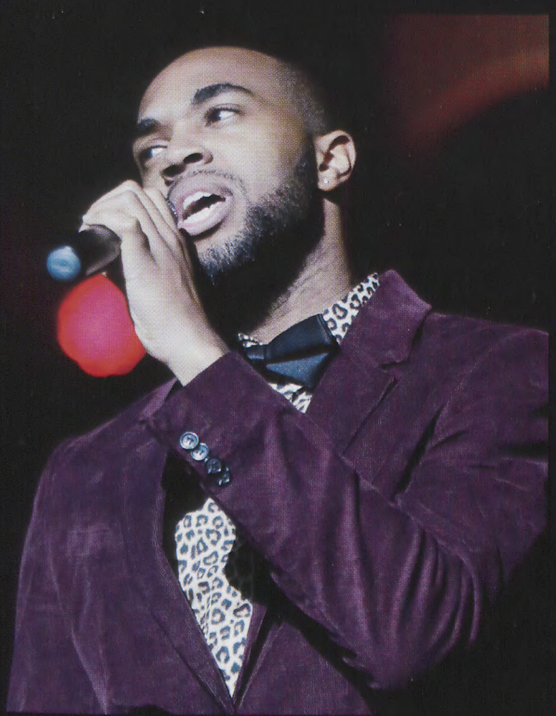
-Katelyn Reid

above: Tyceona Campbell, Katelyn Reid, Tera Richardson, Alana Jackson, and Mallary Clark battle to maintain their balance in the tug-of-war contest.



southwest's got talent

"ankle biters" rocks



Southwest had the great honor of hosting talented high school juniors and seniors in addition to many Southwest students at the fourth annual Southwest's Got Talent. Criteria for participating in the event were defined as: contestants must have been a junior or senior in high school or a student at Southwest, and all performances had to be solo acts.

The journey began with auditions. The event showcased nine talented students who stood out from those who auditioned: Patrick Artigues, Natalie Jo McKenzie, Destiny Stone, Delarence Collins, Darius Jones, Sam Womack, Justin Lofton, Lacee Qurioz, and Krawford Boyd. The curtain rose to the reverberating vocals of contestants singing "I've Got the Music in Me." Each contestant was at the mercy of a panel of three judges and a live audience. After viewing the many great performances, the judges chose the contestants who would make it to the final round. Those five were Sam Womack, Destiny Stone, Krawford Boyd, Lacee Quiroz, and Delarence Collins.

Following the captivating performances of the five finalists, the judges decided on two winners. Sam Womack and Destiny Stone both received cash prizes for winning in their divisions. Destiny's powerful vocal performance of "His Eye is on the Sparrow" mesmerized the audience. Sam Womack's performance of his original drum solo fascinated the judges with its authentic cadences and thunderous intensity. Everyone who attended the event was pleased with the performances and festivities, and the contestants made memories that would follow them throughout the rest of their lives.

by Cody Pol





left: Patrick Artigues plays the piano and sings "Lay Me Down;" far left: Lacee Quiroz sings "What's Love Got To Do With It;" opposite page: Sam Womack entertains the audience with his amazing performance of "Ankle Biters" by the band, Paramore; top: Justin Lofton sings Rascal Flatt's hit "Broken Road."







above: Nick Terrell helps serve food to the impoverished; top right: Robby Aaron, Jamie Caves, Stephanie Rimes, Daniel Herndon, Marlee Touchstone, Madison Caire, Karinlee Brister, Marisa Siebert, Ashley Chatfield, Alexis Lott, Nick Terrell, Luke Hartness, Hunter Willis, and Allen Lampton pose for a picture at City on a Hill Church; right: Jamie Caves shovels snow.

helping people
students travel the states

Faithful students took advantage of the many missionary opportunities they were given at Southwest. Thirteen Baptist Student Union members embarked on a mission trip to City on a Hill Church in Boston, Massachusetts. City on a Hill Church, a homeless ministry that advocated the need for community-based worship, allowed Southwest students the chance to see firsthand the hardships area homeless faced on a daily basis. Individuals reached out to those homeless in need, offering them a granola bar and an invitation to join the group in a Bible study and free meal.

Other students independently served God and His people through mission work. Luke Hartness, a member of the Baptist Student Union's Leadership Team, traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma, to serve as a summer missionary and work on a ranch. Luke helped to lighten the staffers' workloads and fulfilled the role of a leader and role model for the younger guys on the ranch. Holly Pearce assisted a women's shelter in New Orleans, Louisiana. The shelter provided women in need a place to take a shower and provided them with clothing items. Snacks and hygiene kits were passed out to homeless men and women in the area as part of the shelter's outreach program. Wes Wroten, president of the Baptist Student Union, spent his summer in Magog, Quebec, Canada, at Camp Livingstone, where he worked as a cabin leader for the twelve-year-old age group. Wes's main goal was to teach the campers about Christ by relating outdoor and sports skills with scripture.

All students who took part in mission trips this past year would not trade their experiences for the world. The lessons they learned will stay with them forever, and they were able to grow in their faith and learn just what it means to serve.

by Cody Pol and Reagan Myers

> "Shoveling snow, cooking food, and ministering to others in Boston strengthened my faith."
> *-Hunter Willis*

meet the bears
fans rally behind players

Fans gathered in the Hurst Auditorium of the Fine Arts building in anticipation of meeting Southwest's athletes. Resounding applause echoed throughout the auditorium as Dr. Steve Bishop introduced Southwest's 2015 athletic teams. The men's and women's soccer teams were the first of the night to be introduced. Members of the baseball team were presented next, to the crowd's delight. Softball players stampeded onto the stage as their names rang out to the masses. Right after the softball players' introductions, the Southwest cheerleaders made their debut in front of the audience prior to their exciting performance.

The Southwest marching band played the fight song with drumming intensity, and afterward, the cheerleaders stormed the stage as they began their performance. Bright lights were blazing through all performances, bathing the stage in a gleaming assortment of hues. Basketball players took the stage as their names blared through the loudspeaker before the introduction of the last team of the night, the football team. Freshman Abby Bui described the festivities as an "exciting adrenaline rush." Concluding the event, Abbey Hooks, student body president, delivered a riveting speech that motivated the audience to take part in all that Southwest has to offer.

When asked about how Meet the Bears made her feel and how the event differed from other similar events, soccer player Ariel Hutson, who graduated from McComb High School and attended Southwest on a scholarship said, "It was slightly different in the simple fact that I was no longer a Tiger, but it was nice to be here at Southwest where I was widely recognized and remembered familiar friends and faces."

by Cody Pol and Mohammad Mohammad









top right: Monica Amic yells during a routine; far right: Tyler Shell and Coach Tucker Peavey talk about the football season; right: Courtney Lewis waves to the soccer fans; opposite page: Rebecca Richmond, Haley Simmons, Abbey Hooks, and Courtni Godbold dance to the music.







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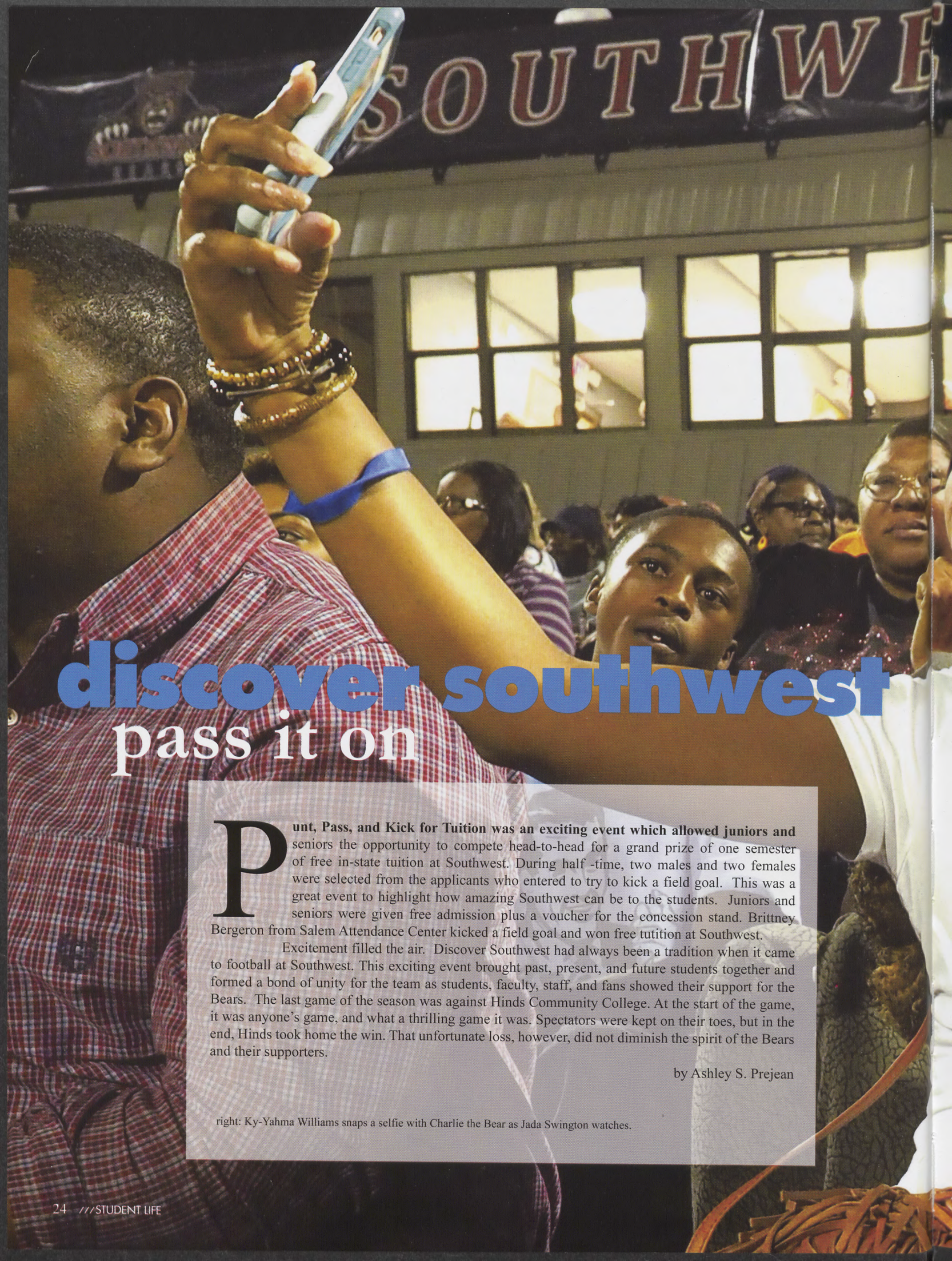
"throw me something mister"

Southwest Student Government Association, along with Student Services, hosted the First Annual Mardi Gras Parade. This parade's theme was "Quacks on Parade." It received its name from the Mardi Gras rubber ducks that were thrown to students. The first Mardi Gras King was Dr. Bill Ashley, and the first Mardi Gras Queen was Pat Young. Throwing candy, beads, and rubber ducks, the Krewe of King Charlie rode on floats along College Drive. The parade was brought to a close with a feast of King Cake in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union.

Attendees of the parade had a roaringly good time. "I hope that one day we could use this parade as a tool to get student organizations to work together and recruit local area seniors to come to Southwest," Ashley Gray, SGA sponsor, said. As the parade-goers would say "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

by Christian Green

above: Charlie the Bear, Will Fauver; Bear, Kendyl Adam; Aurora Diaz, Seth Nieman, Christian Green, and Katelynn Roberts throw beads to students along College Drive.



discover southwest pass it on

Punt, Pass, and Kick for Tuition was an exciting event which allowed juniors and seniors the opportunity to compete head-to-head for a grand prize of one semester of free in-state tuition at Southwest. During half -time, two males and two females were selected from the applicants who entered to try to kick a field goal. This was a great event to highlight how amazing Southwest can be to the students. Juniors and seniors were given free admission plus a voucher for the concession stand. Brittney Bergeron from Salem Attendance Center kicked a field goal and won free tutition at Southwest.

Excitement filled the air. Discover Southwest had always been a tradition when it came to football at Southwest. This exciting event brought past, present, and future students together and formed a bond of unity for the team as students, faculty, staff, and fans showed their support for the Bears. The last game of the season was against Hinds Community College. At the start of the game, it was anyone's game, and what a thrilling game it was. Spectators were kept on their toes, but in the end, Hinds took home the win. That unfortunate loss, however, did not diminish the spirit of the Bears and their supporters.

by Ashley S. Prejean

right: Ky-Yahma Williams snaps a selfie with Charlie the Bear as Jada Swington watches.


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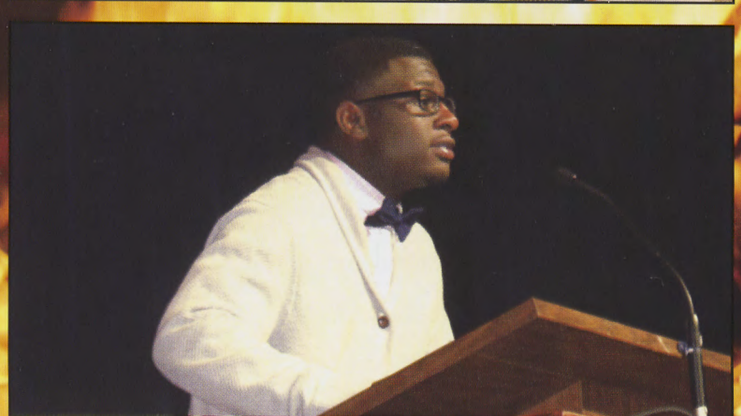
///all fired up
fire roars for bears

Activities involving the students, faculty, and staff generated much excitement at Southwest. The entire campus joined together to celebrate all the events and activities the school had going on, from the annual "See You at the Pole" to the very successful community-based Camp Sunshine Fishing Rodeo. The biannual blood drive, which is held every fall and spring semester, was a huge success this year, as many students and staff stepped forward to help save lives.

The cheerleaders, Redline, band, and many more organizations kept everyone's spirits high during the pep rallies that marked the home games and any other special event the school was host to. A wide range of students, both freshmen and sophomores, attended the annual college transfer fair to learn about what is offered at the various universities around the state. No matter what the event, Southwest's student body gathered together to celebrate and enjoy all the campus had to offer.

by Ashley S.Prejean







above: Aaron McKay talks to Ubie, Lindsey Delatte, as he gives blood; above left: Justin Blue leads the moment of silence during the Veteran's Day program; top left: Taylor Wilson discusses opportunities offered at the Univeristy of Mississippi with Adrienne McDill, admissions counselor.





intramurals
competition builds spirit

Intramural sports were extracurricular activities that Southwest offered to both on and off-campus students. Students took full control of gathering and creating their own teams. There was a variety of entertaining and combative sports that occurred throughout the year. Organized by director Bill Wallace, intramurals consisted of flag football, basketball, softball, dodgeball, ping-pong, and billiards. Intramural sports were a great way to keep the students amused and well entertained; furthermore, they were an exceptional way to encourage the participants to remain physically and socially active.

In this year's program, more than three hundred students were involved in all of the sports. The students generally favored flag football and dodgeball. Flag football, which took place on the band's practice field, was a fierce spectacle that amazed the crowd. Dodgeball, located in the gym, was a co-ed activity. Each team consisted of six guys and at least one girl. Intramural basketball began the second week of the second semester, and it was an instant success. There were six different teams that participated in intramural basketball; one of those teams was coaches from the basketball and football teams. Intramural sports gave students the opportunity to socialize and have an exciting college experience.

by Olivia Griffin







above: Jessie Penton throws the ball during the dodgeball game to win the point; left: Caelan McCaffrey focuses on the ball; opposite page: Shannon Damond runs for the touchdown as Robby Aaron tries to stop him.

homecoming

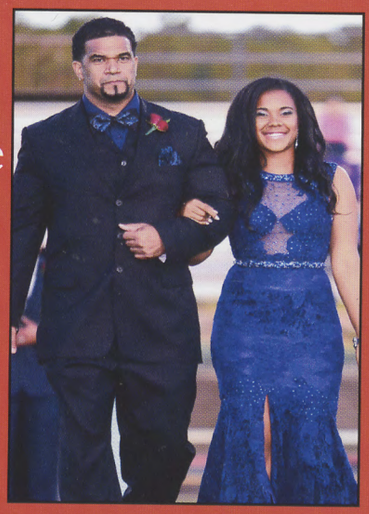
bearstock: peace and love

Bearstock: 1 Day of Peace, Love, and Football was Southwest's homecoming theme this year. Touted, "A homecoming celebrating spirit and legacy," Bearstock was a celebration this campus has never before experienced. Homecoming week was a chaotic array of students dressing up, rushing to finish parade floats, and organizing various homecoming events.

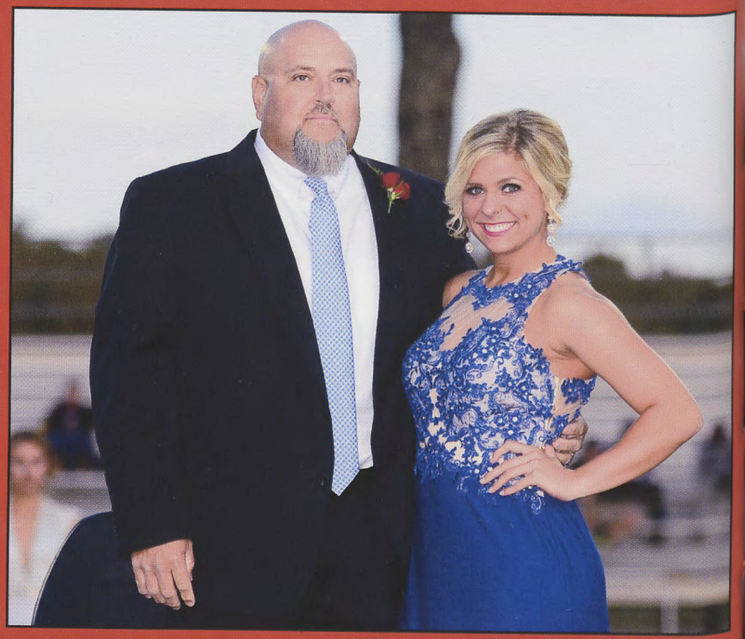
When asked about this year's homecoming theme and the preparation throughout the week for homecoming events such as the parade, freshman band manager William Hightower said, "I really liked the theme and thought it was creative." He also stated, "We worked really hard all week setting up for the game and the parade; we were there every morning from 6:30 to 8:00 and from 2:00 to 5:00 on Thursday afternoon. We were also involved in setting up for the parade at 7:00 in the morning and the taking down of everything until game time that afternoon." In addition, William worked the sound for music during Fall Fest that day.

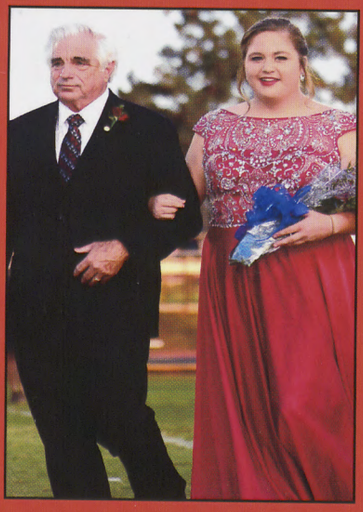
Some of the events students participated in were Running with the Bears, Ultimate Glow-in-the-Dark Frisbee, Bear Scavenger Hunt, and a cookout. The Homecoming football game was the highlight of the whole week. The crowd exploded into a thunderous uproar each time the team scored. Homecoming Queen, McKenzie Brock, expressed her approval of the festivities, "It was an honor to be chosen as Homecoming Queen, but it is even more of an honor being a Southwest Bear!"

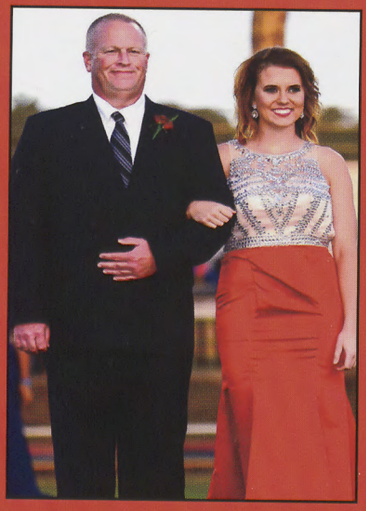
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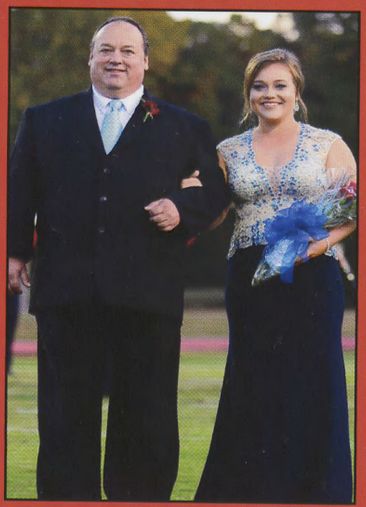


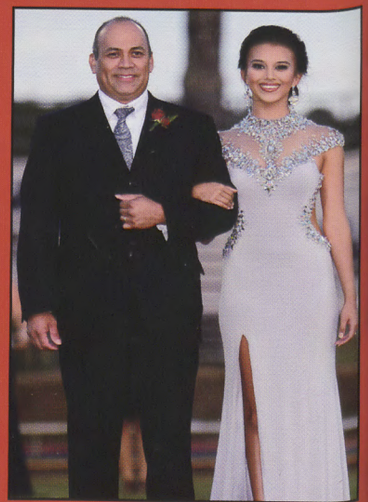












left: Junior Court members pose for a picture: Elizabeth McMorris, Alaina Elise Carlisle, Zoe Elizabeth Alford, Bradley McMorris, Ellie Kate Mikael McDonald, Bella Claire Nelson, Cassi Elaine Carlisle, Elaina Rose Alexander, Zachary "Logan" McGehee; top far left: Paige Harvey, Freshman Maid, walks across the field with her grandfather Edward Hughes; top middle: Lexie Johnson, Freshman Maid, poses for a photograph with her father Bryan Rayborn; top left: Markia Quinn, Freshman Maid, makes her way to the center of the field with her father Martin Quinn; top right: Aurora Diaz, Sophomore Maid, poses for a picture with her father Saul Diaz; opposite page: Queen McKenzie Brock, Homecoming Queen, smiles to the crowd beside her father Darryl Brock; middle: Austin Pruitt, Student Body Maid, smiles at the fans with her escort Shae Johnson; above right: Lacee Quiroz, Sophomore Maid, flashes a smile at the crowd with her father Johnny Quiroz; above left: Danaraye Parks, Sophomore Maid, makes her way to the middle of the field alongside her father Monty Parks.





homecoming

flower power dominates

Homecoming was a week filled with activities and fun for the entire Southwest campus to enjoy. All students, staff, and faculty were encouraged to attend the many events that were held including Southwest Fest, Running with the Bears 5K and 1 Mile Run for Fun, the Homecoming Parade, Induction Ceremony, Meet and Greet, SMCC Homecoming Golf Tournament, Scavenger Hunt, Movie Night, Cookout, Kick-Off, and the Coronation Ceremony.

The much-anticipated Homecoming Parade was a huge success, and it boosted the spirits of all Southwest fans. The theme this year was "Bearstock: 1 Day of Peace, Love, Football," and the parade was full of students and organizations showing their spirit and love for the Bears. The bonfire that was held on campus was filled with cheering students celebrating the Bears. The cookout was a huge success, and the wonderful food was provided by Mr. Whisker's Catfish and Grill. The entertainment for the evening was put on by the students of the Southwest music department. All the events held lead up to the main event, the Homecoming game.

by Ashley S. Prejean













left: Abbey Hooks, Miss SMCC, and Christian Green, Mr. SMCC, laugh with each other; middle: Phi Beta Lambda's float, first place winner, makes its way through the parade; far left: Madison Caire marches past parade goers; top left: Mascots, Kendyl Adam and Will Fauver, embrace the homecoming spirit by dressing up for the parade; above: Vicky Bales, Reagan Costilow, and Tardashea May ride on the cosmetology's float; top right: Bradley McMorris, Queen McKenzie Brock, and Ellie McDonald wave to the crowd.



homecoming
alumni honor honorees

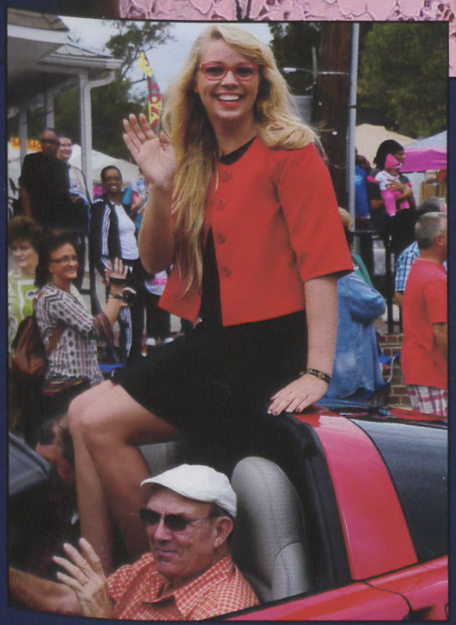
Alumni Foundation recognized Dr. J. Byron Williams, Alumnus of the Year; Georgette Cooper Cutrer, Sports Hall of Fame; Roy Horne, Sports Hall of Fame, and McComb Coca-Cola Company, SMCC Foundation Hall of Fame. Dr. J. Byron Williams, a native of Bogue Chitto, was a 1976 graduate of SMCC, where he studied and prepared for a career in animal sciences. While at Southwest, he was an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Society. Williams continued his studies in animal sciences at Mississippi State University, where he obtained his B.S. degree in Animal Science and his Master's degree in Meat Science in 1981. Williams was employed at MSU as Associate Extension Research Professor.

Georgette Cooper Cutrer attended SMCC and played basketball and tennis while also serving as a member of the cheerleading squad. During her two years at SMCC, the women's basketball team won All-State both years. Not only was she an outstanding athlete, but she was also a member of the Homecoming Court and a Campus Favorite. Cutrer graduated from Southwest in 1975 with an Associate of Arts Degree. She was a Registered Nurse and a member of the Louisiana Public Health Association. Roy Horne, a 1969 graduate of SMCC, was a successful athlete during his tenure at Southwest. As a member of the basketball, baseball, and tennis teams, Horne earned the Most Valuable Player award in basketball and was selected to be on the 1968-1969 All-State Junior College Team. Horne received the Athletic Award at graduation. He was also Sophomore Class President and an active member of the Baptist Student Union. At Mississippi State University, Horne played shortstop on the baseball team, winning two SEC Championships, beating Tennessee in 1970 and Vanderbilt in 1971. Horne has been a Landman in the Oil & Gas industry for the past thirty-four years and was employed by GeoSouthern Energy Corporation in The Woodlands, Texas.

McComb Coca-Cola Bottling Company, under the guidance of Gary Nelson, has been an avid supporter of SMCC. The company contributes to over a hundred community organizations, non-profits, schools, fairs, and festivals.

by Reagan Myers and Seth



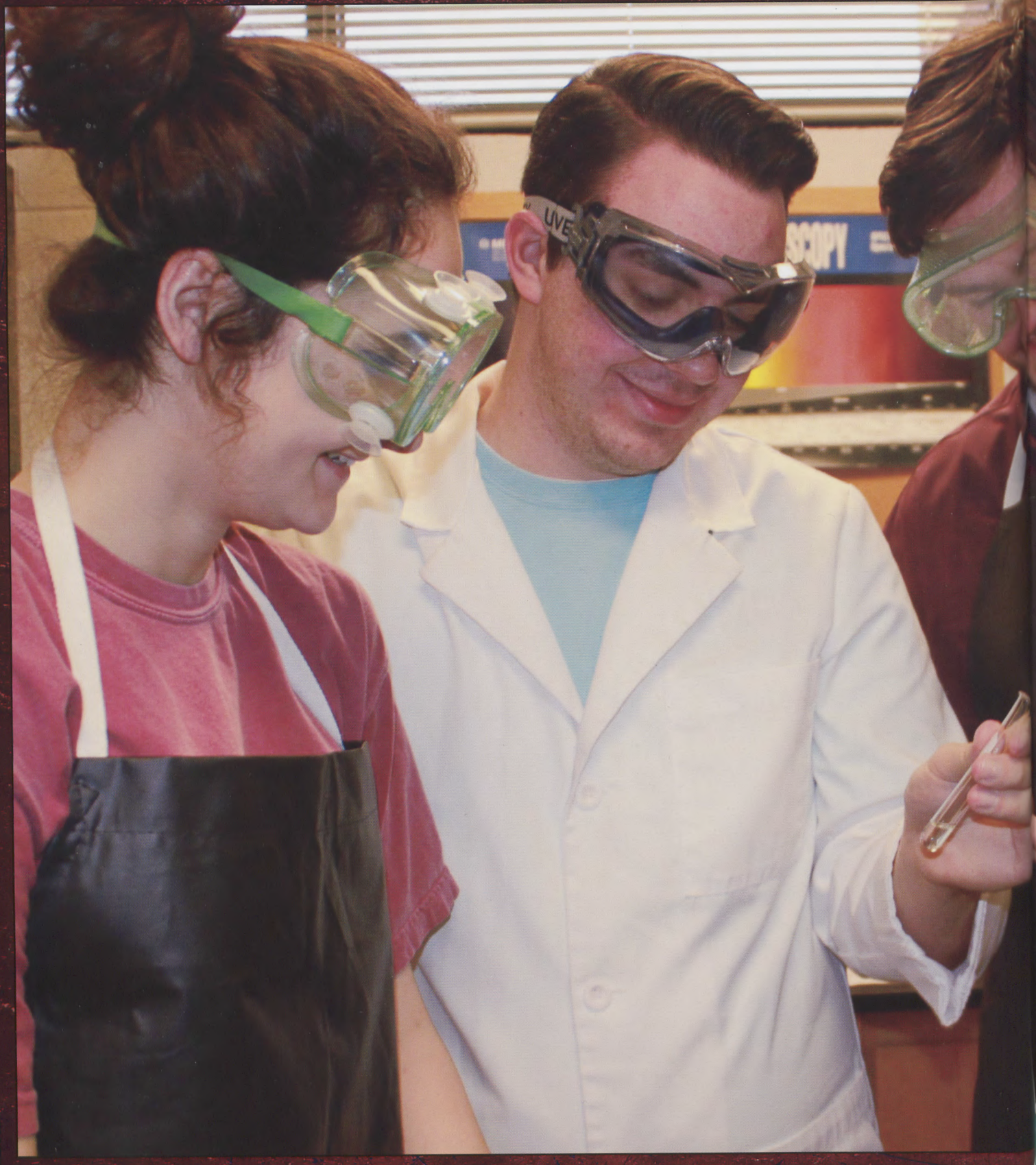








left: Dr. Byron Williams with his wife, Kathy, lead the parade; far left: Georgette Cutrer waves to the crowd as the parade rolls through Summit; top left: Laiha Pevey greets fans; above: Gary Nelson, Roy Horne, Georgette Cutrer, and Dr. Byron Williams smile as Southwest recognizes them during half-time; top right: Roy Horne sees friends on the sidewalk.



above: Jessi Barnes, Cody Pol, and Joshua Wiggins examine an unknown sample in Chemistry Lab; right: Mohammad Mohammad finishes his pre-lab assignment; middle right: Gabby Cortez celebrates Cinco de Mayo in Spanish class; far right: Tamella Gibson checks a patient's heart rate.

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ACADEMICS

Academic success of the year was nothing other than explosive. Members **of** the Southwest campus contributed to the numerous honors and accolades the college received. WalletHub ranked Southwest 15th out of 670 community colleges in the nation. Earning that ranking meant the institution met certain criteria; variables such as cost and financing, classroom experience, education outcomes, and career outcomes determined the college's ranking. The event generated uproarious celebration.

The success of the traditional academic courses was not to be overlooked. Students enrolled in Business and Computers classes enjoyed the challenging curricula; Computer Concepts students learned everything from simply operating a computer to more difficult tasks such as creating a complex spreadsheet. Business students excelled in their studies and remained a "shout" above the rest. The techniques required to operate an Excel spreadsheet occasionally eluded students. Instructors often assisted students individually when they needed additional instruction. In General Chemistry lab, students conducted a titration. Using individual drops of sodium hydroxide solution, participants anxiously proceeded with the experiment. In the back of their minds, they all knew that even one extra drop could ruin the entire procedure. As the solution progressively became pinker in the presence of phenolphthalein, students dropped in the sodium hydroxide ever more slowly until the solution remained pink for more than five seconds. Instructors took their English Composition classes very seriously, but they always lent a helping hand. In one particular instance, a concerned student worried that she had written an unacceptable essay. When she consulted with her instructor, she received the assistance she needed, and she scored an excellent grade.

At the multiple Stage Band shows, students, faculty, staff, and members of the community enjoyed the quality entertainment the college offered. When the kaleidoscope of colors beamed from the ceiling and sound rumbled from the stage, everyone knew the show would be a booming success. Performers commanding the stage and the steady rumble of bass drums contributed to unforgettable evenings; every eye in the captivated audience never strayed from the sight of the show. Whether the performing ensemble was part of the Christmas Stage Band or the Spring Stage Band, the set imparted a sense of awe.

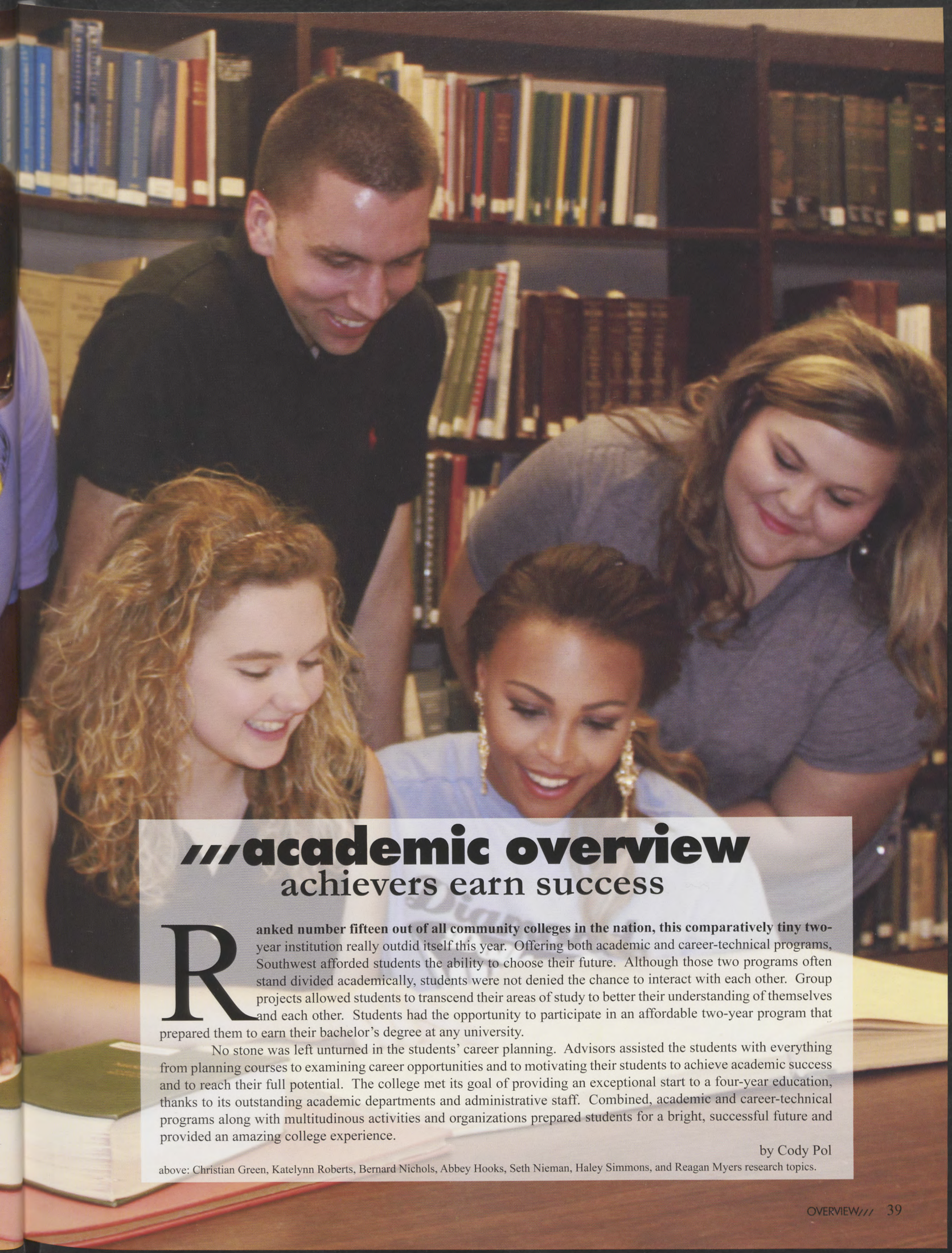
by Cody Pol








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academic overview
achievers earn success

Ranked number fifteen out of all community colleges in the nation, this comparatively tiny two-year institution really outdid itself this year. Offering both academic and career-technical programs, Southwest afforded students the ability to choose their future. Although those two programs often stand divided academically, students were not denied the chance to interact with each other. Group projects allowed students to transcend their areas of study to better their understanding of themselves and each other. Students had the opportunity to participate in an affordable two-year program that prepared them to earn their bachelor's degree at any university.

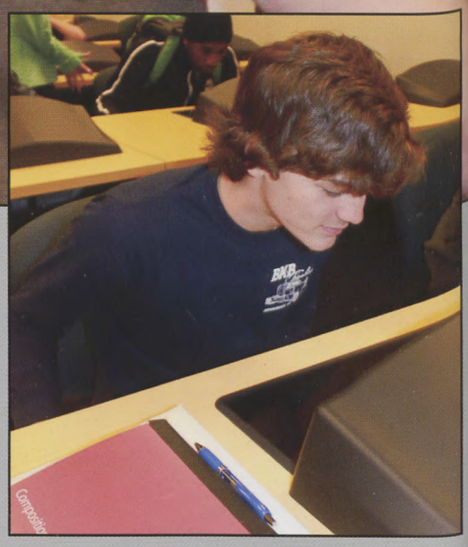
No stone was left unturned in the students' career planning. Advisors assisted the students with everything from planning courses to examining career opportunities and to motivating their students to achieve academic success and to reach their full potential. The college met its goal of providing an exceptional start to a four-year education, thanks to its outstanding academic departments and administrative staff. Combined, academic and career-technical programs along with multitudinous activities and organizations prepared students for a bright, successful future and provided an amazing college experience.

by Cody Pol

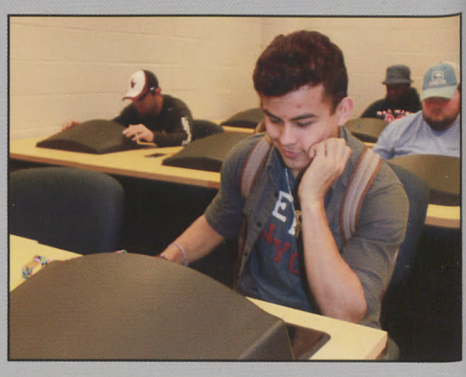
above: Christian Green, Katelynn Roberts, Bernard Nichols, Abbey Hooks, Seth Nieman, Haley Simmons, and Reagan Myers research topics.











above: Colter Cotten, Computer Concepts instructor, informs students Rachel Reeder, LaKeria Washington, Bailey Brewer, LaDerek McCray, and Irving Aitken on proper usage of the Windows operating system; far right: Irving Aitken prepares for a quiz on binary code; right: Vera Johnson learns the correct way to format a Word document; top left: Jacob Bass and Corey Kelton observe an infographic on the internal parts of a computer; top right: Bailey Smith researches current advancements in computer technology.



business/computers

technology skills enhance success

Computers are the way of the future, and students have to be up to date on technology in order to prosper in the business world. At Southwest, the first class many students take is Business and Computers. Southwest offered a wide variety of business and computer classes in order for students to integrate them into their everyday lives. Business courses were spread all around, ranging from Economics to Business Law. Students were offered courses in Accounting, where they learned how to choose the correct insurance policy, pay bills, properly make large purchases, file taxes, and invest wisely.

Computer Concepts was a well-rounded course. Students learned how to use the latest computer software, programs, and functions. The instructors taught students how to maneuver through software programs such as Excel and PowerPoint, both of which taught students how to improve their use of spreadsheets and graphing. Students obtained an arsenal of knowledge that they will be able to execute in their everyday lives, which will make them stand out from the rest of the crowd.

by Ashley S. Prejean



///fine arts talent explodes

From Handel's Messiah to the Stage Band shows, the Fine Arts Department was always booming. These students were always practicing, whether they were a part of the band, choir, art class, or Stage Band. The Fine Arts students were unwaveringly dedicated to their passions and everything they do.

The offerings of the Fine Arts Department have greatly expanded over this past year. Attendees of each event never experienced a moment of boredom at any of the shows. Every event beat the previous year's record of attendance. Art students honed in on new skills and techniques while attending new art class offerings. Southwest's Fine Arts Department broadened many minds this year.

by Reagan Myers







left: Roban Johnson sketches a color wheel; opposite page: Harley Manard performs for the audience; top left: Mahalah Byrd captivates the audience; above: Jonathon Traigle feels the music.

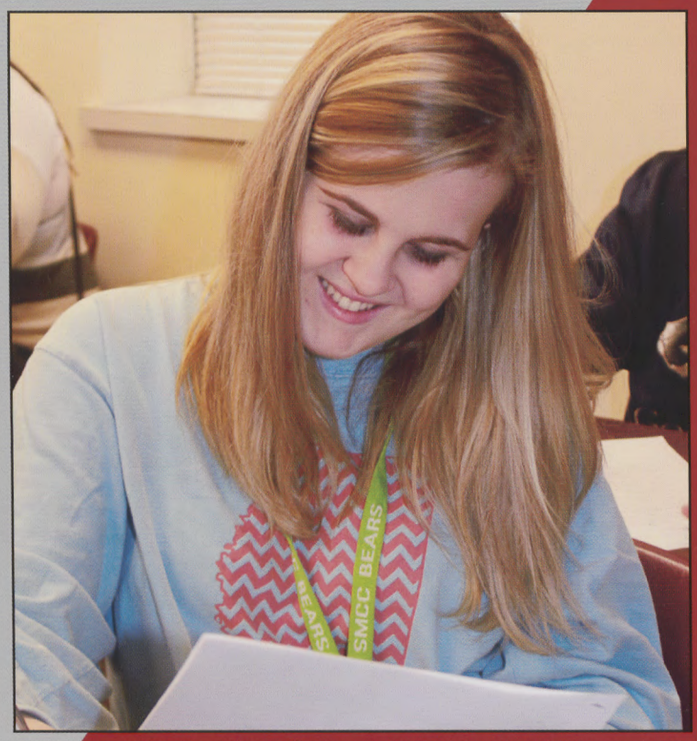
///languages

los estudiantes rugido

With the variety of foreign languages taught at Southwest, students learned new languages, became more comfortable with public speaking, and improved their ability to speak their native language. Each course taught at Southwest was sure to help students succeed in other classes. Courses varied from English Composition I and English Composition II, which allowed students to improve their writing skills, to more demanding courses such as French and Spanish.

In foreign language courses, students learned about correctly speaking in a foreign language and the diversity between many cultures. Mary Tullos and Dr. Elaine Coney taught their students the wonders of foreign languages and prepared them to use their knowledge in the real world. In Public Speaking, students explored topics while learning how to present speeches in a professional manner, which helped students excel in presentations and projects in other subject areas. World Literature was offered to students who yearned to further their knowledge of writing from places all over the world. Each aspect of language arts was designed to help improve the student's overall understanding of written language, spoken or written. Whether students were writing a literary analysis or complex speech outlines or learning about Spanish-speaking countries, students had all the more reasons to be excited, or, as the Spanish would say, "Los estudiantes rugido por su las lenguas!"

by Christian Green





above: Hannah Thomas edits her final essay; above right: Shequita Gutter presents her speech in Bill Wallace's class; opposite page: Shanne Pigott, Lauren Coon, and Paige Harvey celebrate Cinco de Mayo in Spanish I.



mathematics

structured reasoning informs

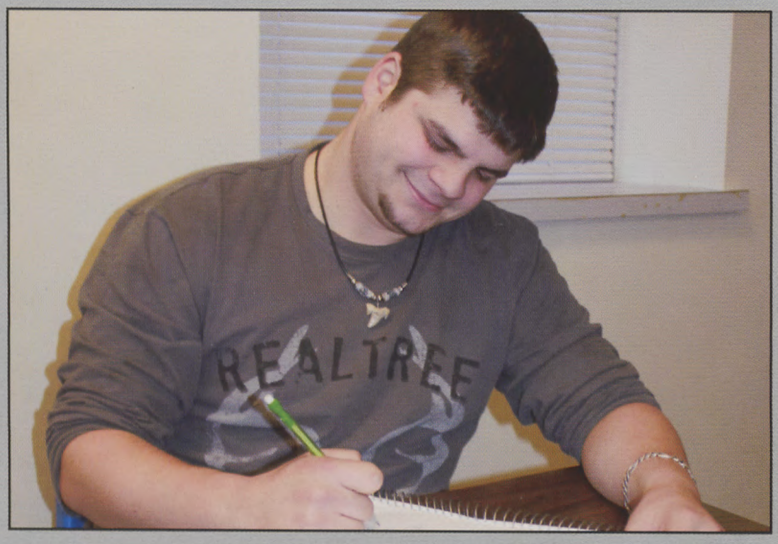
Mathematics was an essential part of every Southwest student's education. Whether they were finding solutions to a differential equation or learning about derivatives, students gained knowledge that could be useful in other areas of life. Although mathematics was a torturous subject for some students, many students found their love within the subject. Through persistence and restraint, each student survived and gained satisfaction from their success. Throughout the year, there were numerous instructors who helped students learn the importance of mathematics. An increased knowledge of mathematics helped open more career opportunities for students.

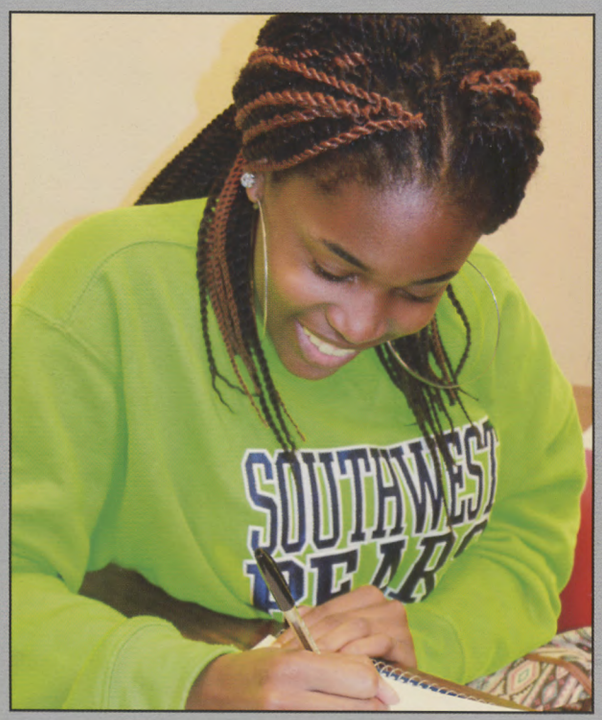
Students who wished to pursue a degree in mathematics, pharmacy, engineering, or computer science were required to take courses such as Trigonometry, Calculus, Differential Equations, Statistics, College Algebra, and Quantitative Reasoning. Regardless of a student's major, there was a mathematics course for everyone to enjoy.

by Christian Green

"Being in class has really opened my eyes to how math plays an important role in everyday life."

-Spencer Gros





above: Brennan Welch works an algebraic problem; right: Jenae Varnado corrects a number in her assignment; opposite page: Zahn-ye' Jones writes an equation on the board as Spencer Gros and Lakin Brown check her calculations.


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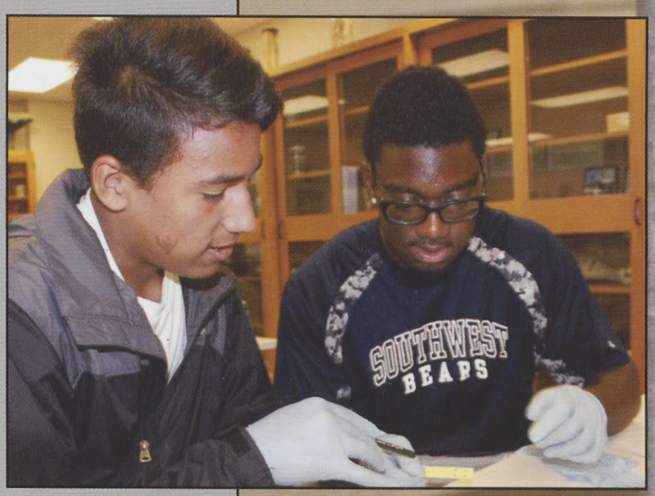
///science
expectations meet goals

Science majors, general education students, and those simply fulfilling class requirements were greatly benefitted from Southwest's science department's wide array of class offerings. Everything from Principles of Biology to Organic Chemistry and Physics was provided for students. The premise of Principles of Biology classes was to present students with the necessary information to obtain a fundamental understanding of biological concepts. In the General Biology courses, science majors learned about the chemical and cellular foundations of life. Chemistry courses taught students all about the chemically-composed world we live in. Other classes offered throughout the semesters were Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, Chemistry, and Physics, among others.

In classes ranging from Engineering Physics to Principles of Biology, instructors held high expectations for their students. Each instructor presented students with the necessary information to the best of his or her ability. Any time a student needed extra help, the instructor showed no reservations in assisting the student in any way possible. Students who showed a willingness to excel in any subject received the help of their instructors in order to aid them in preparation for their future careers. All students leaving Southwest were well-equipped with the scientific knowledge required to complete their educations.

by Cody Pol







above: Ken Irvin drops radiolabeled dye onto a microarray slide; top right: Fernando Salgado and Jalen Hicks conduct a microarray experiment using lung cancer gene sequences; opposite page: Kelcey Bremenkamp assembles the equipment she needs to conduct a titration; right: Tayler Jones and Olivia Patterson examine muscle tissue as they dissect their specimen.




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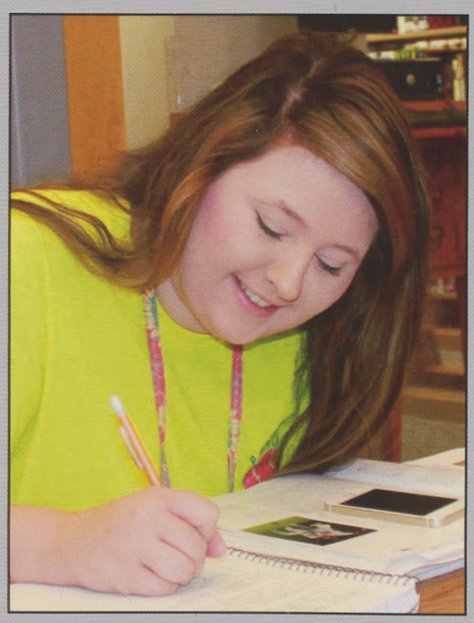
social science

interactions build leadership skills

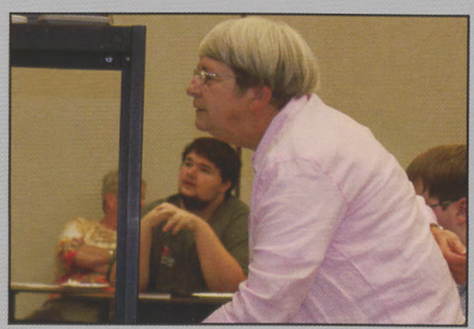
Social science courses has helped students gain a better understanding of events happening all over the world. The social science courses ranged from learning about ancient civilizations and wars to the different theories about why people behave the way they do. Classes in Western Civilization, American History, American National Government, and State and Local Government helped students understand the connections between the past and the present. Sociology courses, in addition to Psychology and Marriage and Family Living, offered insight into human development and cultural diversity.

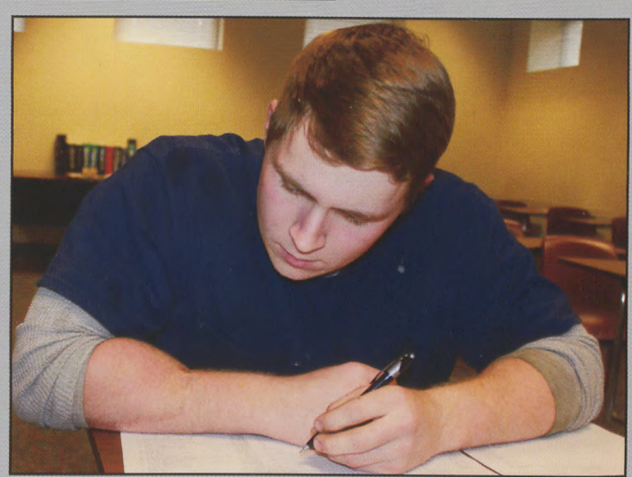
Students learned via numerous different approaches, including research, panel discussions, and lecture. Teachers enjoyed the panel discussion technique the most because it broke the routine of lecture, and required students to apply knowledge to a topic, prepare research, and then work with others to effectively present it to the class. Through Leadership and Organizational Skills and Honors Forum, students were able to learn about different styles of leadership and use leadership skills to solve problems. Group discussions were a vital part of all of these courses. Studying these social sciences allowed students to learn about society and all its people.

by Christian Green









below: Dylan Bullock writes the Preamble to the Constitution; below left: Merrielyn Ginn, history instructor and social sciences chair, presents a PowerPoint for Constitution Day; opposite page: Douglas Thames reviews for a test; far left: Laramie Callihan edits her psychology research paper; left: Jeney Hudson paraphrases the Second Amendment.

health occupations
saving lives rewards students

Nurses of tomorrow were the students of today at Southwest. The nursing program was a rigorous program that held students to the highest of academic standards. Each student in the program strove for perfection in all coursework and clinicals. The nursing students had to go through lecture, lab simulations, and participation in real-life medical situations and scenarios. The students were able to obtain hands-on experience and have a glimpse of what the future will hold, either as a nurse or doctor.

The need for healthcare professionals was at an all-time high, and the demand only increased each year. The nursing program made it possible for students to find a fulfilling career as well as accomplish a lifelong dream.

by Ashley S. Prejean









above: Sharly Thompson weighs as Meliss Stoetzner records data; top right: Aubrey Mason checks blood pressure on the monitor; opposite page: Olivia Gales talks to the patient as JoAnne Fauver checks the heart rate; right: Kizzy Coney records the patient's vital signs.



career and technical programs

skills improve success



Performance standards of the Career-Technical Programs carried on with their exceptional record this year. Among the twenty-two programs offered, subject areas such as Early Childhood Development Education, Practical Nursing, Cosmetology, Massage Therapy, and Process Technology were available for students. These programs equipped students with the necessary skills to position Southwest graduates a notch above the rest and to pass the Career Planning and Assessment System, or CPAS. Upon completion of the programs, students were prepared to enter the workforce and outperform the competition.

The Early Childhood Education Technology program had the highest individual score, and for the third year in a row, they have a one-hundred percent passing rate. Sixty-eight percent of all career-tech students passed the CPAS, with Heating and Air, Childcare Education Technology, Business and Office Technology/Office Systems, Business and Office Technology/Accounting, and Marketing all having a one-hundred percent passing rate. Southwest career-tech students were on fire this year.

by Cody Pol and Ashley S. Prejean











left: Zach Newman, Well Construction Technology student, connects drill pipes; opposite page, left: Hunter Rand, Electrical Technology student, repairs an electrical motor; opposite page, far left: Lauren Johns, Cosmetology student, adjusts rollers; opposite page, top: Toby Clemmons and Austin King, Heating and Air Conditioning students, construct an air vent; top: Brandon Hammons, Garrett Szopinski, Kendrick Putman, and Jewlynn Aron, Diesel Equipment Technology students, replace ignition wires; above: Darnell Amos and Charles Rollins, Carpentry students, cut plywood with a skillsaw.

career and technical programs

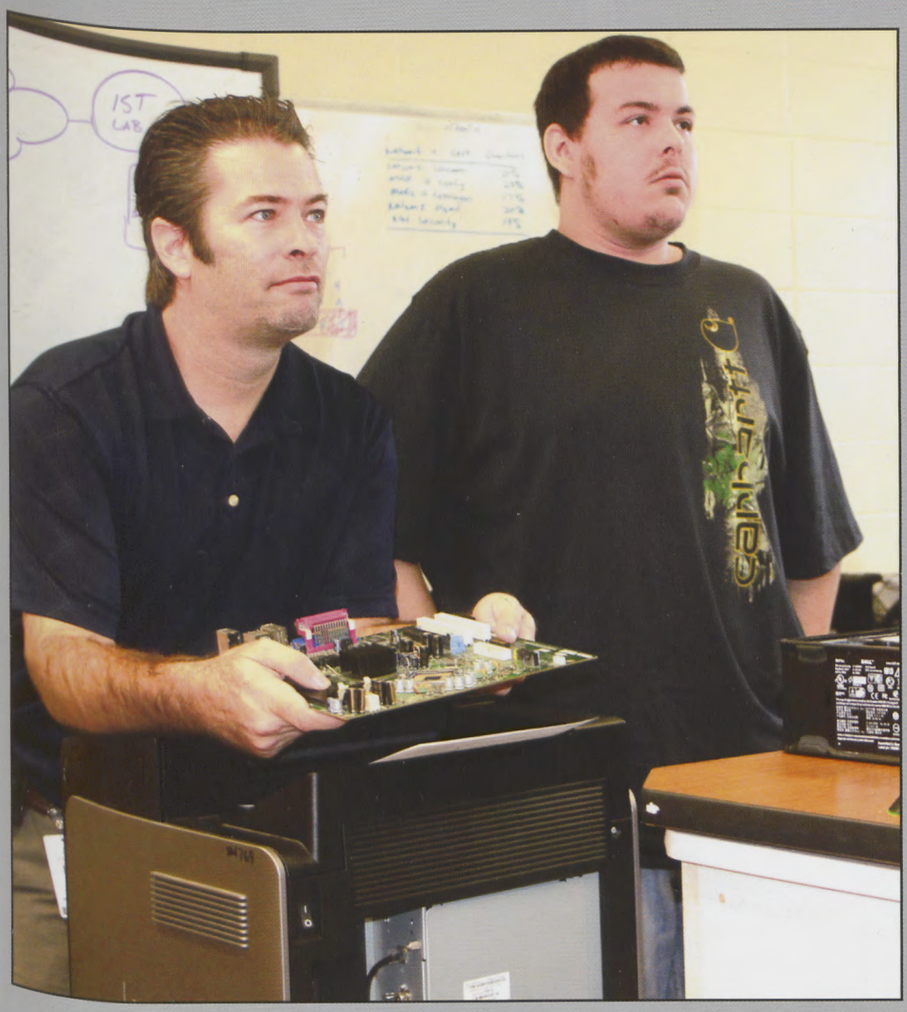
Automotive Technology
Business and Office Related Technology
Carpentry (Residential)
Computer Network Support Technology
Commercial Truck Driving
Cosmetology
Diesel Equipment Technology
Early Childhood Education Technology
Electrical Technology
Health Information Technology
Heating and Air Conditioning
Marketing Management Technology
Massage Therapy
Health Care Assistant
Occupational Safety and Health
Practical Nursing
Process Operations Technology
Web Development Technology
Welding and Cutting
Well Construction Technology





above: Massage Therapy student, Haley Stafford, gives Macey Church a chair massage; opposite page, top: Jeffery Morgan and Dylan Bullock, Automotive Technology students, remove brake lights; opposite page, bottom right: Layne Brown, Welding and Cutting student, adjusts gauges on the welding machine; opposite page, right: Brian Miller, Information Systems Technology instructor, and Dylan Knippers perform a remote network security experiment with the University of California; right: Gidget Jackson, Business and Office Related student, analyzes business transactions.


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nurse assistant and practical nursing

nurses learn fundamentals

Practical nursing program offered students ample opportunities to train in the healthcare field. As the demand for more nurses and healthcare professionals increased, Southwest helped to remedy that deficit by offering a one-year program in Practical Nursing and a one-semester program for Nurse Assistants. In each curriculum, students learned the nursing fundamentals they could use to educate the public as well as in the workforce.

Students worked hard to perfect their assigned routines and methods. From working in the modern training rooms to learning to use the state-of-the-art equipment, Southwest nursing graduates were well-prepared to excel in their future careers.

by Cody Pol and Olivia Griffin



above: Savannah Cazanov and Kellie Frerighs assist a new mother; right: Caitlin Waldrop and Kimberly Freeman insert an IV tube.



business/computer technology

skills ensure careers

Business students immersed themselves in the training for their future careers this year. Individuals learned valuable skills in order to deal with common financial situations in the workplace and their everyday lives. Class offerings ranged from Macroeconomics to Computer Applications, where students learned about the phenomena of output, unemployment, and inflation.

Computer Concepts pupils learned about different types of computers and their functions, as well as discussed computer hardware, software, and the benefits of networking. These courses were extremely useful because computers are used in almost every facet of life, especially working environments. Upon graduation from these courses, students understood the core values of being a proficient, economically successful business person.

by Cody Pol and Olivia Griffin

left: Earlisa Matthews reads her assignment in Office Systems Technology; below: Dana Case completes her workbook lesson.





///industrial career technology
training strengthens skills

The Industrial Career Technology Program offered students training in different areas of employment in a controlled environment. Welding and Cutting, Well Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, and Commercial Truck Driving were some of the various forms of study offered to students. Attending career technology programs gave students the vital training for advanced employment in these fields. Instructors helped students reach their full potential by understanding student needs and matching each student with the appropriate program.

With an extensive number of programs available, each student found his or her preferred vocation. The programs aided students in finding information on their future careers and helped students train and strengthen their skills. Southwest understood the expectations industry placed on employees and repeatedly evaluated the programs to make certain that the college satisfied the demand for strong, skilled technologists. Southwest wanted to ensure their students were prepared for job competition so they could qualify for high-paying jobs. Southwest's Career-Technology division is producing graduates today so that they can have a better tomorrow because these programs make careers possible for its graduates.

by Christian Green

opposite page: Dustin Dunn, Welding and Cutting student, locks metal into a vice.

"The Welding and Cutting program gives me excellent hands-on experience that I need to find a good job after I graduate."

-Dustin Dunn



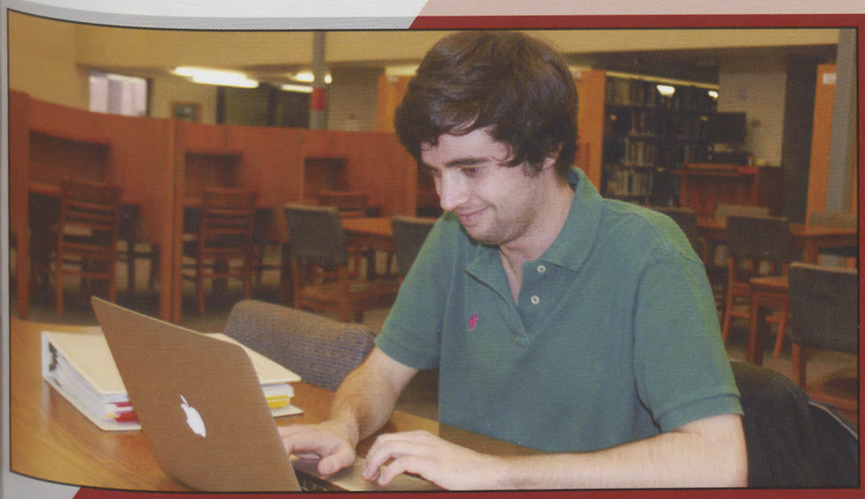
library-learning resource center

success center encourages students

William C. and Lula B. Ford Library was a place for excellence in all aspects. The library was a comfortable and encouraging place to study. The institution offered study rooms in which students could study individually or with a group. Multiple computers were set up throughout the library; each had access to printers. The library offered a multitude of resources. There were approximately 36,000 books and periodicals, 3,500 non-print items such as microfilm and videos, and a web of internet resources.

The main internet resource was MAGNOLIA, which was an interactive online platform that had access to thousands of online articles, journals, and much more. There was always something to be learned in the library. The library was host to the Student Success Center, which was a place for students to seek help with their classes. Students could use the available computers for tasks such as Internet browsing, classwork, typing, and printing. Not only were computers readily available, but the Student Success Center also offered tutoring in Math and English.

by Ashley S. Prejean









above: Debbie Miller studies for an English quiz; left: Myrna Casciola, tutor, provides Ronterius May help for his math class; opposite page: Laura Causey studies for her nursing test; top left: John Easley creates a paper using a composition program; top right: Linda Hodges checks her math homework.

workforce center

workforce works with community

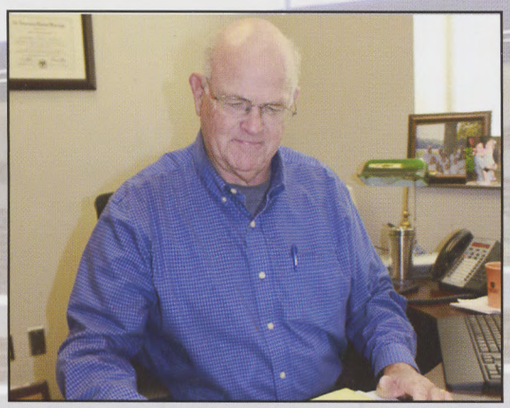
As the job market was becoming increasingly thirsty for trained individuals, the Workforce Training Center at Southwest fulfilled a wide gap that no other institution in the region could fill. The center was used to enrich students' knowledge and help them acquire the necessary skills for career paths they aspired to follow.

Under the direction of Wendy Smith, the Workforce Training Center allowed students to select career options that were suited to their particular strengths. The workforce training center was always searching for training opportunities and aimed to respond to the needs of the local businesses and industries. The workforce training coordinators, assistant director, director, and all supportive staff were responsible for providing information about the adult basic education program and high school equivalency testing and offering training at the Southwest location. They also provided certification testing for students and the community. The workforce training center provided assistance with college paperwork, general support, and goal setting for the students to stay on track.

Some of the classes offered were Active Shooter Training and Refuse to be a Victim. The Workforce Training Center trained 5,473 students over the course of the school year. The Workforce Training Center greatly expanded Southwest's offerings, allowing students to train in more fields without leaving home.

by Cody Pol and Ashley S. Prejean







above: Tim Stogner, Assistant Director/Industrial Training Coordinator, reads through his agenda for the week; top left: Wendy Smith, Workforce Director, works on grant documents; above right: Shree Montgomery, ABE/GED Instructor; Wendy Smith, Workforce Director; Beverly Johnson, Secretary/Receptionist; second row: Carolyn Williams, ABE/GED Director; Loran Gerald, Workforce Training Coordinator; Charlotte Malone, Center Secretary; Amy Beard, WIA Coordinator; third row: Amanda Price, Workforce Training Coordinator; Janice McKellar, Workforce Training Specialist; Tim Stogner, Assistant Director/Industrial Training Coordinator; Cindy Bennett, Education Recovery Specialist


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above: Stage Band members entertain at the Christmas Stage Band show; right: Kohl Rester plays the saxophone as he marches with the Southwest Band; middle right: Lacee Quiroz sings at the Veterans' Day assembly; far right: Harley Menard dances at Meet the Bears.



ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations were offered in a wide variety. No matter the interests of the students, they were able to join a group that met their individual interests. With numerous clubs and organizations offered to students, there were plenty of options. The Baptist Student Union and Wesley Foundation served the spiritual and social needs of the students. From the Bear Trackers who welcomed everyone to campus and the Student Government Association who helped run the college with the students' best interest at heart, students had no excuse to not join in on the action.

Two on-campus honor societies were Beta Beta Beta, also known as Tri Beta, and Phi Theta Kappa, more commonly known as PTK. Both of these organizations contributed greatly this year with their selfless community service acts, such as the time that Tri Beta read stories to elementary students, which brought the students together for a fun-filled time of everlasting memories.

Two journalism organizations kept the school connected and well-informed of all the happenings at Southwest. The *Pine Burr* student newspaper kept students up-to-date on all upcoming events and fascinating details of everything on campus. The *Whispering Pines* yearbook captured the magical year the students had, showcasing all of the organizations and their accomplishments.

A few of the additional organizations around campus were the Student Nursing Organization that promoted the excellence of future nurses and the Future Educators of America that encouraged the advancement of students interested in pursuing education as a career path. All of the campus organizations worked together to create an extracurricular experience in which students learned valuable life skills that proved useful to them throughout their careers and the rest of their lives.

The purpose of all the amazing organizations on campus was to promote camaraderie among students and to have an outlet that inspired students to reach their fullest potential. Each and every organization was designed to help improve the lives of students on campus, but to also inspire students to go above and beyond in the full sense of "Roar."

by Ashley S. Prejean








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bear trackers
ambassadors secure futures

The Bear Trackers were an elite group of students selected to be ambassadors for the college. Selection was based on a competitive application and interview process through which a panel evaluated each applicant's scholastic achievement, communication and leadership skills, and knowledge and enthusiasm about Southwest. This year, the Bear Trackers have been busy acting as the "Face of Southwest" at many different events, both on and off campus. These events included FCA College Game Day, the annual Homecoming parade, the Alumni Reception, the Parade of Beauties Pageant, College Transfer Fair, Faculty and Staff Thanksgiving Luncheon, attending high school college fairs to reach out to prospective students, and serving as ushers for several on-campus events. Bear Trackers also facilitated the blood drive sign-ups for the fall semester.

The Bear Trackers hosted area high school students during Junior/Senior Night and Punt, Pass, and Kick for Tuition at the SMCC vs. Hinds home football game. They also stayed busy throughout the school year with fundraising events, such as the Belk Charity Sale, Golden Corral Celebrity Server Night, Southern Kernels Gourmet Popcorn Sale, silent auction during the Christmas Stage Band show, Jambalaya Plate Lunch Sale, and selling Exam Care Packages. Bear Trackers prepared for the 5th Annual Princess Ball that they hosted in April. Through their fundraising efforts, the Bear Trackers made history at Southwest by becoming the first student organization to endow a scholarship. In May, they traveled to the 2nd Annual Bear Trackers Beach Therapy Leadership Retreat in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The Bear Trackers sponsors were Karinlee Brister, SMCC Recruiter, and Pat Young, SMCC Director of Counseling and Recruitment. The Bear Trackers president was Emily Ashley, and the Treasurer was Cameron Catchings.

by Ashley S. Prejean





left: Abbey Hooks and Cameron Catchings help prepare exam survival buckets; far left: Mattie Pigott and Me'Oshia Williams count the Princess Ball tickets; opposite page: Brittany McGuire, Jordan Fitzgerald, and Jenna Lee look over the new application packet.



above: Pat Young, advisor; Raney Hewitt, Katelynn Roberts, Me'Oshia Williams, Daley Roberts, Brittany Brumfield, Madison Martin, Emily Ashley, President; Sanetra Forbes, Jenna Lee, Aurora Diaz, Jenna Van Dan, Tyronica Williams, Haley Simmons, Karinlee Brister, advisor; second row: Jordan Fitzgerald, Brittany McGuire, Mattie Pigott, Kelly Campbell, Lauren McCaffrey, Abbey Hooks, Alissa Adam, Tamara Cowart, Emily Baughman, Elizabeth Smith, Reagan Myers, Taylor Wilson; third row: Justin Givens, Ardemis Wesley, Kohl Rester, Robert Pickett, Bernard Nichols, Joey Elliott, Cameron Catchings, Treasurer



baptist student union
members laugh, eat, and worship

Baptist Student Union was a place for spiritual uplifting, fellowship, and encouragement. Many students went to the Baptist Student Union because it served as a home away from home. There were plenty of opportunities for those students who were looking to strengthen their relationships with Christ, such as weekly *Bible* studies on Monday nights and a noon meal on Wednesdays for a donation of two dollars that went to the mission's fund. Students were also given the opportunity to sign up for upcoming events, such as the spring break mission trip, summer missions, and various other activities that go on within the community.

Students who were involved with the BSU always did a splendid job in their efforts toward the mission trips. This past spring break, the students had the privilege to go and spread the gospel to the people of Boston. They worked alongside a church ministry called City on a Hill. They had the opportunity to pass out snacks and drinks to the homeless and give clothes to those in need. They were also given the opportunity to participate in a prayer walk where the Boston bombing occurred. As Hunter Willis said, "It was truly an eye-opening experience that changed the way I look at missions!"

by Reagan Myers







left: Leadership Team: Daniel Herndon, Director; Luke Hartness, Madison Caire, Hunter Willis, Ja'Bria Durrell, Josh Hutson, Rachel Davis, Wes Wroten, and Tyler Dunn; far left: Tucker Adams enjoys a game of pool; above: Clint Norris, Alissa Adam, Tyler Dunn, Kendyl Adam, Stephanie Rimes, Laken Brock, Maleigha Taylor, Rachel Davis, and Hunter Willis discuss summer missions; top right: Laken Brock and Maleigha Taylor hang ornaments.


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ice cold
Diet

/// wesley foundation
service provides opportunities

Wesley Foundation was an on-campus ministry promoted by the United Methodist Church. It was open to all students from all backgrounds. The Wesley Foundation encouraged students to grow in their walks with Christ by providing opportunities for local and state missions, worship, fellowship, and support. Each week, on Tuesdays, the Wesley Foundation hosted public *Bible* studies, which were held in the student chapel. Each section started with a small meal or snack and finished with scriptures from the *Bible* or lectures from guest speakers such as the former NFL player, Malcolm Taylor. Advisor Melinda Bowlin said, "I have the greatest job ever. Every day I get to share the love of Jesus with the greatest students in the world at the best college in the state of Mississippi."

Students laughed, ate, and joined in fellowship with each other. Wesley often had fun nights such as open-mic night, reindeer games, back-to-school bash, ice cream social, and game night, which included corn hole, ping-pong, and a number of board games. Students, with the help of Melinda Bowlin, worked the concession stand at the home basketball games. The Wesley Leadership Team traveled to Alabama to visit the Vulcan Park in anticipation of "catching the vision of God." Wesley students also passed out goody bags to the students around campus for Halloween. The Wesley Leadership Team had the chance to attend a statewide retreat, where students from twenty-five different colleges from across Mississippi came together for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth. Olivia Griffin said, "Being a part of the Wesley is a great way to connect with other students."

by Olivia Griffin





left: Adrienne Lomax-Rhymes smiles as she helps a customer; opposite page: Olivia Griffin and Melinda Bowlin, Wesley advisor, sell snacks at the basketball concession stand; above: D.J. Miller, second row: Emily Phillips, Adrienne Lomax-Rhymes, third row: John Shannon, Cameron Catchings, Olivia Griffin, and Ariel McDaniel



winning notes
choir reaches new heights

Choir had always showcased a wide variety of talent, and this year was no exception. With such a combination of talent and interest in different genres, each show was spectacular. Under the direction of Joe Elliott, the choir performed not only for Southwest, but also for the community, both near and far.

Choir performed a variety of moving and fun pieces this year. The choir has been an invaluable asset to the college. For the Veterans' Day performance, the choir sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and a song by Pepper Chopplin, titled "How Long."

The choir rang in the holiday season with pieces from the *Nutcracker* and "Ding-a-Ding-a-Ding" by Greg Gilpin. Three talented SMCC soloists performed pieces they had worked on all semester. Those arrangements included a piece by Bach, *Prelude in C Major*, which was played by Jacob Landry. Matthew Stewart performed "Come Again Sweet Love" by J. Dowland and "He That Keepeth Israel" by A. Schlosser, and Mariha Beadle performed "Beneath the Weeping Willow's Shade" by F. Hopkinson. Every section of the choir, the sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses contributed to the choir's success throughout the year.

by Aurora Diaz and Ashley Prejean







opposite page: Aurora Diaz, Holly Pearce, Lacee Quiroz, and Keilah Weathersby sing "Hallelujah Chorus"; above left: Lindsey Buckelew, Rebecca Stokes, Jamesha Butler, La'Jasmine Brooks, Ciara Dixon, Reagan Myers, Mariha Beadle, Cassidy Brecheen, Kelly Arnold, and Lamecha Manning sing with passion; above right: Matthew Stewart and Brianna King perform "Like, I Like to Say Like"; above: Joe Elliott directs Kaylee Johnson, Aurora Diaz, Lacee Quiroz, Keilah Weathersby, Cecily Forrest, Hunter Willis, Daryl Todd, Matthew Stewart, Leslie Thomas, Lindsey Buckelew, Rebecca Stokes, La'Jasmine Brooks; second row: Diamond Honeycutt, Holly Pearce, Emily Kemp, Kohl Rester, Jacob Landry, Nicole Stokes, Adriannah Nettles, Reagan Myers, Cassidy Brecheen, Jamesha Butler, Lamecha Manning, Ciara Dixon, Jaycie Felder; third row: Brittany McGuire, Brianna King, Courtni Godbold, Britni Godbold, Whitni Godbold, D.J. Miller, Dwight Lee, Chris Calcote, T.J. Watkins, Mariha Beadle, Kelly Arnold, and Laramie Callihan as they perform the Southwest Alma Mater.



student nursing organization

communication links students

Student Nursing Organization (SNO) was a very successful group. Members were linked to and able to communicate with other students who chose the same career path. SNO began the year with a "Welcome Back Party" where all of the students were able to enjoy fun and fellowship among one another.

SNO members took part in many service projects as the year progressed. Some events they participated in included the Blood Drive and local health fairs around the community. The Student Nursing Organization was highly supportive of the military's active service members and veterans. Participation in children's hospital food drives and numerous other service projects gave students opportunities to test their nursing skills in real-life situations.

by Reagan Myers

above: Shelby Crosby and John Alexander look over the assignment before completing it; top right: Brooklyn Lampton and Erika Davis practice taking each other's pulse; far right: Kayla Stevenson and Summer Knight measure blood pressure; right: Associate Degree Nursing class officers are the following: Darlene Lindsey, advisor; Rose Conerly, advisor; Shauna Zeigler, Social Committee; second row: Nickalus Brisco, President; Jennifer Boyd, Vice-President; Jack Trim, Social Committee; Erin McCullum, Secretary; Megan Warren, Social Committee.









phi beta lambda
education enforces skills



Forming a bond between business skills and education, Phi Beta Lambda was a business-oriented organization that helped students from all majors develop professionalism and begin friendships that would last a lifetime. This national organization helped many students take notice of their potential as successful individuals.

Phi Beta Lambda members were inducted into the organization during a ceremony in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union. Phi Beta Lambda provided professional development and leadership direction to help students accomplish a wide array of goals. Phi Beta Lambda held a Thanksgiving food drive for families in our community who were in need.

This year's Phi Beta Lambda chapter also proved to be crafty and was crowned the winner of the Homecoming parade float contest. The Phi Beta Lambda State competition was held in Columbus, Mississippi, and was hosted by the Mississippi University for Women.

by Christian Green





right: Stephen Lusk adjusts his candle at the ceremony; top right: Brooklyn Westmoreland cuts out a flower for the homecoming float; far right: Ashley Coleman lights her candle at the PBL Initiation Ceremony; below: Earlisa Matthews, Ashley Coleman, Patrina Arnold, Tara Cockerham, Christian Green, Brandy Powell; second row: Jeremy Smith, Vice-President of Career-Technical Education; Brian Miller, PBL advisor; Mohammad Mohammad, Jamikus McKelphin, Stephen Lusk, Reginald McDowell, LaTristia Scott, Cheryl Beasley, Tabitha Fowler, Tanysha Harrell, Seth Nieman, Neil Chadala, Katelynn Roberts, Kayla Eschete, Jessica Williams, Dr. Kimberly Tynes, PBL advisor; Amber Lirette, PBL advisor



collegiate deca

integrity integrates with talent

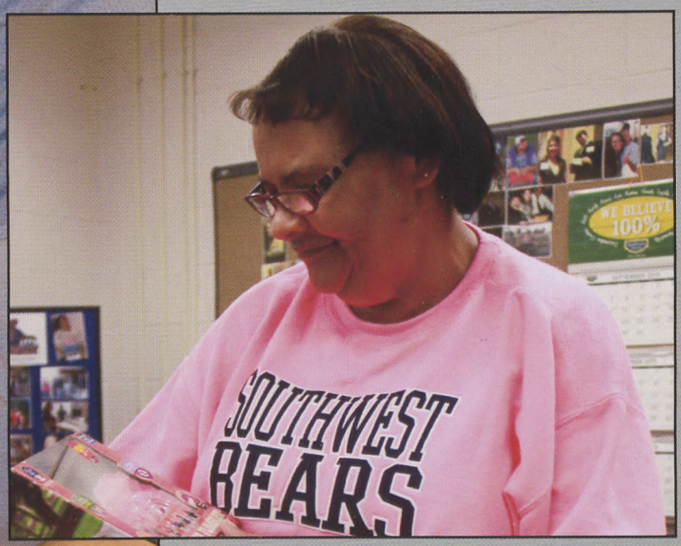
Collegiate DECA was a student-driven International Business organization that valued competence, innovation, integrity, and teamwork. DECA worked hard to prepare students for careers by integrating skills learned in the classroom into real-world experiences. DECA provided its members opportunities for personal and professional growth through leadership development, community involvement, and competitive events. The students who were active in DECA majored in a variety of academic programs with a strong focus on business-related fields. Collegiate DECA conferences and other activities gave students unique access to internships, scholarships, and professional networking.

For the eighth year in a row, Southwest's Collegiate DECA chapter represented Mississippi at the 54th Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Southwest's Collegiate DECA was the only chapter in Mississippi to receive a community service award, a chapter leadership award, and an academic honor award for their numerous community service projects. Students earned countless honors and awards for their community service, academic achievement, and business skills.

by Christian Green







above: Austin Travis creates a hand-drawn logo; above right: Janet May completes an ad for Lillie's Furniture; bottom right: Cora Varnado packs a box of toys for Operation Christmas Child.

///tri beta

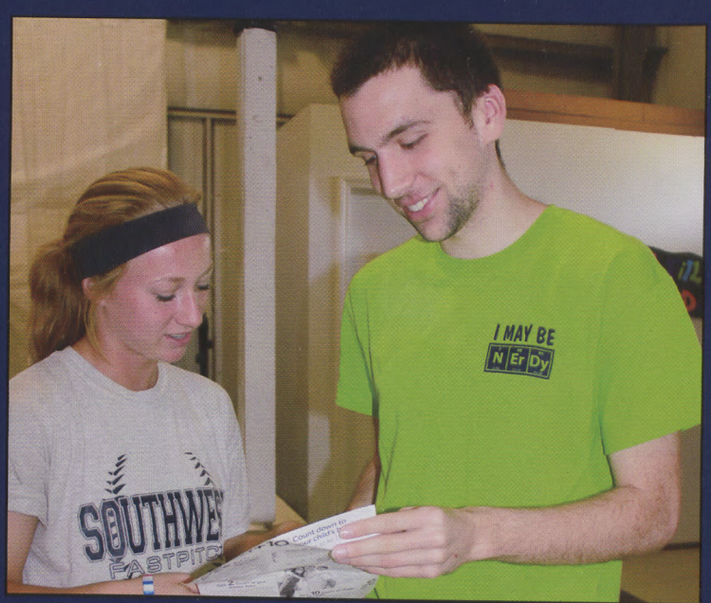
betas educate students

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society was an organization for undergraduate students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological studies and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Tri-Beta initiated thirty-two new students into the organization during the Spring Tri-Beta Induction Ceremony held in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union building.

Tri-Beta was highly involved in community service projects. Tri-Beta staged nutrition-based activities for third graders at North Pike Elementary School. Tri-Beta introduced healthy eating habits to the children and even performed a puppet show that demonstrated how to properly exercise. The group also introduced My Plate, a diagram of a plate that serves as a guideline for the correct proportions of each food group a person should eat. The program helped emphasize the importance of healthy eating, cleanliness, and exercise, especially in the early stages of child development. Dr. Alana Gabler and Mrs. Robin Kuntz serve as the advisors for Tri-Beta. Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society elected Emily Ashley as President and Aurora Diaz as Vice-President. Tri-Beta members and advisors designed their own "Science in the Sixties" float for the Homecoming parade.

by Cody Pol and Christian Green







above: Jamie Lee, Laramie Callihan, and Alyssa Nettles explain healthy choices to North Pike students; top right: Jana McEwen and Seth Nieman educate third graders on nutrition; opposite page: Holly Olive signs the induction book; right: Robin Kuntz, advisor; Kayla Baldwin, Claire Taix, Jana McEwen, Aurora Diaz, Sephra Pace, Emily Ashley, Deanna Cothren, Holly Olive, Keericka Mikell, Leeanna Hodges, Zoborea Rodgers, Jessica Penton, Laramie Callihan, Alana Gabler, advisor; second row: Jacob Reed, Sheldon Barnes, Justin McCray, Seth Nieman





///phi theta kappa
leadership teaches discipline

Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter was an honor society formed on scholastic accomplishment. The organization was advised by Susan Hedges, Lea Touchstone, and Dr. James Stephens. To be welcomed into Phi Theta Kappa, the student must have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.5 with fifteen or more college hours completed. Once inducted as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Expectations were high for getting into Phi Theta Kappa, but once students were accepted, numerous incentives came with membership. The Omicron Delta Chapter traveled to the Mississippi and Louisiana Regional Conference, which was held at Louisiana State University this year. This was the first year the Mississippi and Louisiana Region hosted an Honors Institute, which was held at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis Campus. Omicron Delta also traveled to the University of Mississippi for the annual APEX leadership summit.

Throughout the year, members of Phi Theta Kappa volunteered in an assortment of functions, such as the Color Run, the annual Southwest Mississippi Alumni Association's 5K, and Night at the Observatory. Phi Theta Kappa also traveled to the International Conference, known as Nerd Nation, in San Antonio, Texas. While at Nerd Nation, Omicron Delta members were able to experience many different educational sessions on how to better develop chapter teams, how to train future leaders, and how to create award-winning service projects. Students were able to devote some of their time to the College Transfer Fair. Omicron Delta held a regional position under the direction of Katelynn Roberts, who is the Regional Historian. Omicron Delta's Vice President of Scholarship Matthew Stillman said, "I love the great leadership and work ethic skills that Phi Theta Kappa has taught me."

by Christian Green









left: Katelynn Roberts, Seth Nieman, Christian Green, and Abbey Hooks set up the PTK's first place winning homecoming display; below left: Emily Ashley, Aurora Diaz, Taylor Wilson, Sarah Tanksley, Reagan Myers, Rachel McCulley; second row: Jay Haynes, Rachael Pace; third row: Spencer Gros, Corley Longmire, Jessica Etheridge, Katelynn Roberts, Jaylan Parker, Sarah Alexander, Meaghan Johnson, Brittany Moak, Deanna Cothern, Abigail Hooks, Jana McEwen, Victoria Anderson-Brown, Victoria Sumral, Kristin Hughes; fourth row: Brandon Terrell, Danaraye Parks, Desirae McGhee, Destinee McGhee, Jessica Penton, Sarah Roberts, Camille Fisher, Kayla Baldwin, Lucy Puder, Hailey Steele, Jamie Lee, Laramie Calliham; fifth row: Joshua Samander, Reed Thames, Reed James, William Shepherd, Jimmie Lee, Travis Williams, Jeffrey Pate, Tyler Moak, Matthew Stillman, Lanessa Jordan, Dylan Bullock, Jeffrey Morgan, Nicklaus Brisco, Jacob Reed, Seth Nieman, Matthew Romack, Dylan Knippers, Benton Wilson, Jonathan Shell, Brady Anderson; far left: Spencer Gros crosses the finish line in the PTK's Color Run; above: Hundreds of participants throw their color packets into the air in celebration.

pine burr
passion runs paper

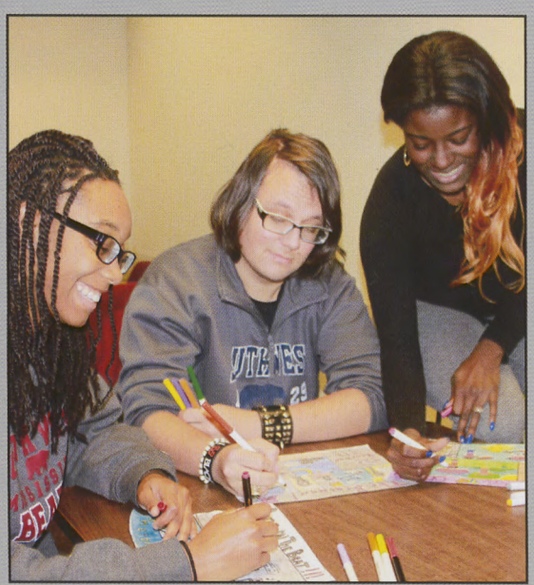


Southwest's very own newspaper, the *Pine Burr*, was the students' best resource to find out what was happening on campus. Participation of students on the *Pine Burr* staff taught many valuable lessons on communication with others as well as the importance of meeting deadlines. Campus involvement was crucial to be a valuable asset to the *Pine Burr* staff as those connections afforded the newspaper an inside look at the daily happenings of Southwest. After long and arduous editing and re-editing, the publication was finally ready to be sent off to the *Enterprise Journal* for printing. *Pine Burr* staff members personally delivered each newspaper to all of the buildings on campus.

Pine Burr members experienced no shortage of work. Keeping students, alumni, and faculty members informed was no easy task. There was never a shortage of talent on the staff; students served as photographers to journalists and even cartoonists. Each member's hard work resulted in a highly-acclaimed publication that students eagerly awaited each month.

Staff members Olivia Griffin, Lanie Jo Connelly, and Celestial James all won awards at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. Olivia Griffin won second place in the Cartoon Division, and Lanie Jo Connelly won third place in the Cartoon Division. Celestial James won second place in the Featured Photo Division.

by Cody Pol, Seth Nieman, and Reagan Myers







above: Shalisa Hawthorne, Cody Gisclair, and Olivia Griffin, cartoonists, draw cartoons for the newspaper; top right: Reagan Myers, editor, reads the latest edition of the *Pine Burr*; middle right: Reagan Myers, Seth Nieman, and Spencer Gros check out the sports page; right: Spencer Gros, Seth Nieman, Olivia Griffin, Ashley Prejean, Tamera Bateaste, Reagan Myers, Christian Green, Katelynn Roberts; second row: Joyce Mabry, advisor; Bernard Nichols, Cody Pol, Mohammad Mohammad, Martin McKnight, Adrienne Lomax-Rhymes, and Jamie Harness

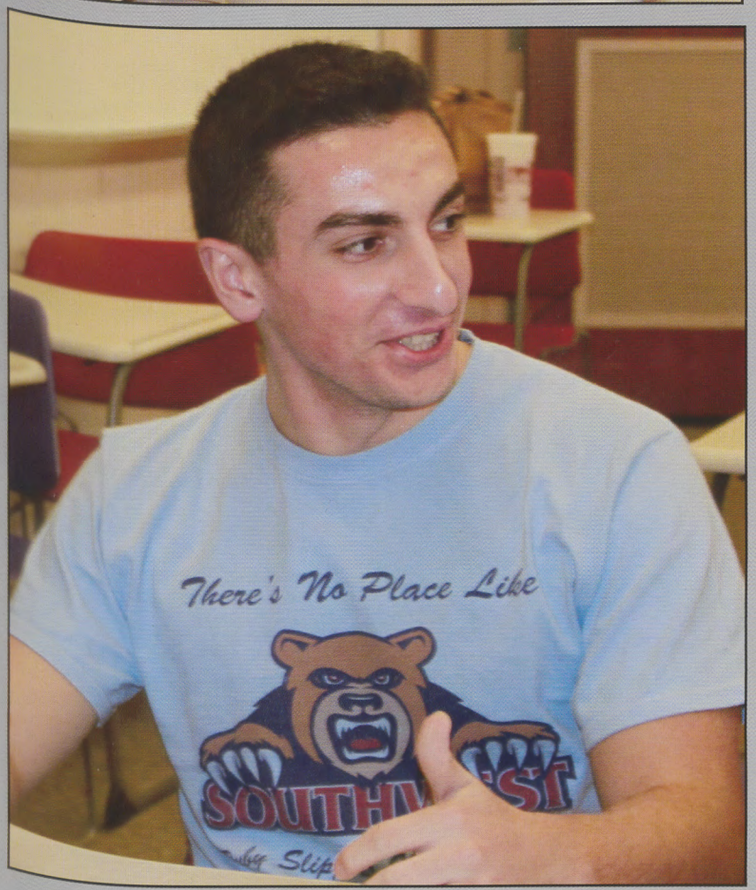
scholar's bowl
team competes



Knowledge of a wide range of subject areas was crucial to becoming a successful member of Scholar's Bowl, an extracurricular activity for students who enjoy testing their knowledge in a competitive setting. To become a member of Scholar's Bowl, interested students were interviewed by Karen May and Dori Richardson, advisors for Scholar's Bowl.

The team participated in a tournament at Faulkner State Community College in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Teams from Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas participated in the tournament. The A-team won three out of seven matches. Christian Green, who scored an average of seventy points per game, came in fifth place, earning him a position on the Alabama College Bowl League's All-Tournament Team and a plaque. The team had a superb time participating in the competition and even had the chance to squeeze in beach volleyball time later that evening. After a long day at competition, members chose to eat at Lambert's Café, the "Home of the throwed rolls." The tournament in Jasper, Alabama, held at Bevill State Community College, proved itself to be a worthwhile challenge. The A-team won five out of eleven matches, and the B-team won one match. Christian Green came in third place and was awarded a plaque and named a member of the Alabama College Bowl League's All-Tournament Team. The Scholar's Bowl experience provided students with leadership skills while learning to work as a cohesive and well-organized team.

by Christian Green





left: Mohammad Mohammad answers chemistry questions; top left: Aurora Diaz works out the question to find the right answer; above: Dori Richardson, advisor; Katelynn Roberts, Seth Nieman, M.J. Stillman, Abbey Hooks, Aurora Diaz, Mattie Pigott, Mohammad Mohammad, Christian Green, Neil Chadala, and Karen May, advisor; sit on the bridge.

> "Scholar's Bowl is an organization that gives me the opportunity to learn about things most people do not know."
>
> *-Mohammad Mohammad*

SGA Officers



above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs/Athletic Director; Abbey Hooks, President; Aurora Diaz, Vice-President; Justin Blue, Secretary; Christian Green, Treasurer; Trask Neyland, Event Committee Member; Ashley Gray, Sponsor

Sophomore Class Officers



above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs/Athletic Director; Katelynn Roberts, President; Reagan Myers, Vice-President; Seth Nieman, Secretary; Austin Pruitt, Treasurer; Ashley Gray, Sponsor

Freshman Class Officers



above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs/Athletic Director; Kendyl Adam, President; Haley Simmons, Vice-President; Jessi Barnes, Secretary; Paige Harvey, Treasurer; Ashley Gray, Sponsor





student government association
peers work together

The elected officers of the Student Government Association impressed students all year by planning events on all sides of campus. The officer teams hosted events such as the Bonfire Pep Rally, Veterans' Day Program, Parade of Beauties Pageant, 8:30 Basketball Madness, and multiple other assemblies. The SGA participated in the APEX leadership summit at the University of Mississippi and learned about team development and leadership.

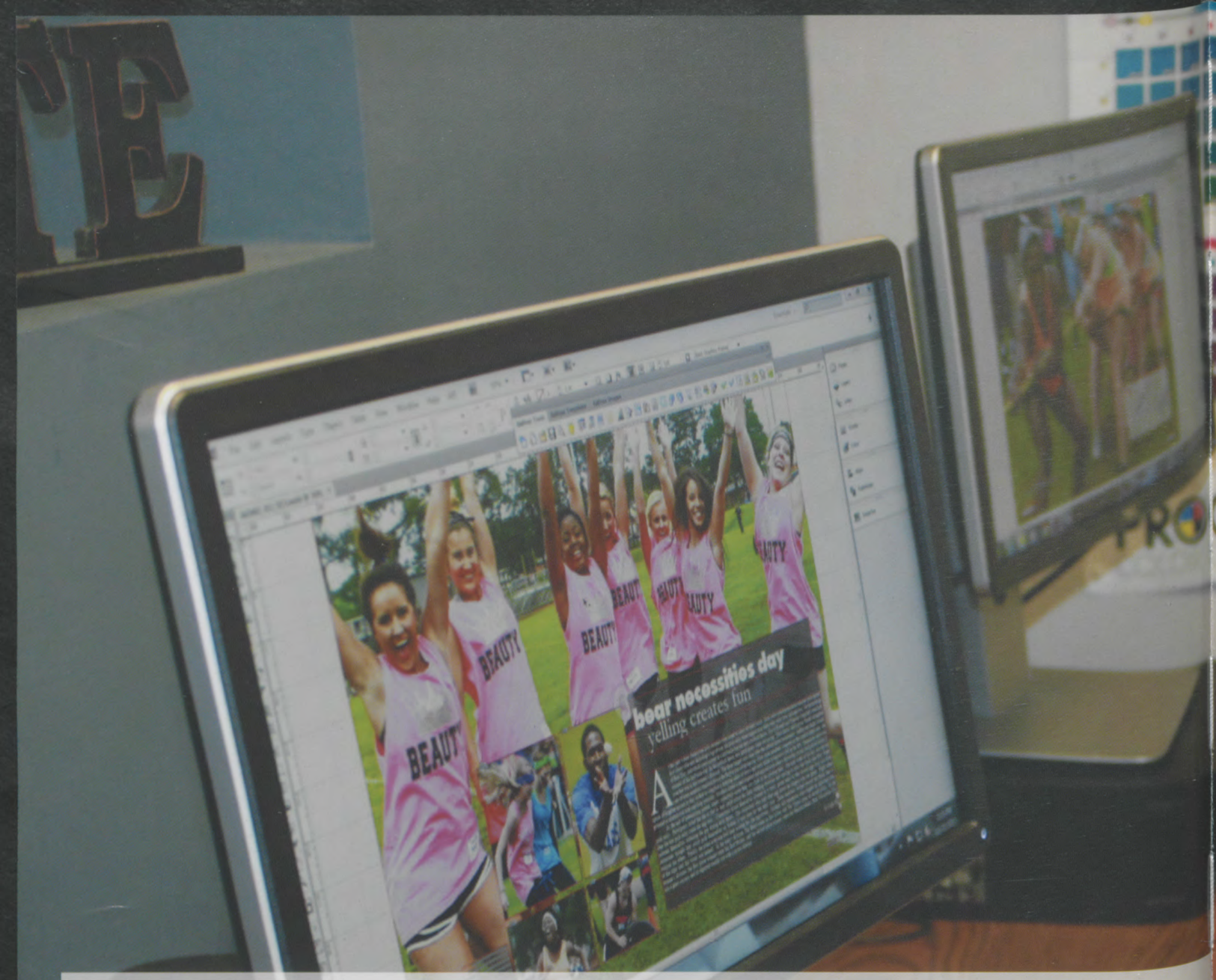
The SGA was formed to provide the student body with peer representatives who work on their behalf to ensure the college met student life and academic needs. The organization wanted to make the students' college life experience the best it could be and more. The SGA encouraged students to get involved around campus. Ashley Gray, the advisor for SGA and the Director of Student Activities and Housing, said, "Student life at Southwest would not be the same without the SGA. They are fully committed to improving students' experiences at Southwest."

by Christian Green





above: Austin Pruitt runs in Bear Day; left: Aurora Diaz speaks at the Veterans' Day assembly; opposite page bottom: Jessi Barnes addresses students at the bonfire; opposite page top: Kendyl Adams fills out a University of Southern Mississippi contact card.



whispering pines

headlines to deadlines excite

Whispering Pines' staff and journalism instructor Joyce Mabry created a book that encapsulated this momentous year. Yearbook staff members spent countless hours fine-tuning the yearbook to perfection. While in the process of composing the yearbook, members learned professional techniques using Adobe InDesign CS6. Long mornings and afternoons of copy writing, layout designing, and proofreading were undergone in order to meet deadlines. This year's *Whispering Pines* members selected this edition's theme as "Roar." Southwest's explosive ascent to academic and athletic prestige was the inspiration for the yearbook's theme.

Staying a step ahead of every campus function was tedious. The staff surely hoped that this yearbook was as superb as last year's 2015 yearbook, which won First Place Overall in the Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association (MCJCPA) yearbook competition. The yearbook also won first place in Cover, Structure, Typography, Copy, and Design.

by Cody Pol and Seth Nieman



above: Olivia Griffin, co-editor; Katelynn Roberts, editor; Jamesha Butler, Marquesha Lofton, Spencer Gros, Ashley Prejean, co-editor; Reagan Myers, co-editor; Adrienne Lomax; second row: Christian Green, co-editor; Mohammad Mohammad, Bernard Nichols, Seth Nieman, co-editor; Jamie Harness, Aurora Diaz, Cody Gisclair



top: Katelynn Roberts, editor, and Seth Nieman, co-editor, proof pages; above: Cody Pol, co-editor, Ashley Prejean, co-editor, and Olivia Griffin, co-editor, examine yearbook pages.





above: Kaylynn Stephens signs her name as a new member; opposite page: Cheyenne Long, Jacob Landry, Madison Caire, Lauren McCaffrey, Kaylynn Stephens, Brianna Long, and Mallory Allen prepare gifts to pass out for Teacher Appreciation Week; right: Jacob Landry, Vice President; Mallory Allen, President; Lauren McCaffrey, Secretary; and Gwen May, advisor, welcome new members.

"FEA introduced me to innovative teaching methods that I can use as a future educator."

- Jacob Landry



future educators of america

future teachers network

Future Educators of America (FEA) was an organization that had the purpose of providing aspiring educators a networking opportunity and a learning experience. Members of the organization gained a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the role of the teacher. FEA also taught students the skills required to coordinate information about teaching as a profession, employment opportunities, financial assistance options, and educational issues. Advisor Gwen May hosted meetings three times a semester on the first Monday of each month; members were served a light lunch and discussed upcoming events.

Members were active around campus and the community. In celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, the organization provided teachers with pens and notepads to show the instructors appreciation for the great work they did. Members became acclimated to the climate of teaching by providing tutoring sessions to elementary students from local schools. FEA was committed to demonstrating superior ethics and quality education for its future educators.

by Cody Pol



///brass class
band rises to challenge

The Marching Band was one of the most upbeat activities on campus. The band was under the field direction of Clay Whittington and drum major Madison Caire. The theme for the band's halftime show was "Billboard Chart Top Hits," and songs such as Wiz Khalifa's "See You Again," Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off," Walk the Moon's "Shut Up and Dance," Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer," and One Direction's "Where Do Broken Hearts Go" were performed.

The marching band was not only responsible for maintaining an electrifying atmosphere, but they were also responsible for playing a crucial part in the Homecoming parade, football games, and other school events. The marching band began a rigorous band camp before school began, and each year they host a concert evaluation for local high schools. Students who were in the marching band also took part in some other ensembles, such as the choir, Stage Band, or Steel Pan orchestra. No matter the setting of the performance, the marching band always displayed their talent, commitment, and motivation.

by Christian Green and Reagan Myers







left: Taylor Domine plays the saxophone during the half-time performance; far left: Max Johnson looks at the fans while playing his drum set; above: The marching band performs at homecoming.

steel drum band, redline, and color guard

color guard spins

Steel drums always had the crowd in an uproar with their lively performances. With their unique sound, they always put forth a tremendous effort wherever they performed. They were under the direction of Clay Whittington, who worked tirelessly to help the ensemble reach its fullest potential.

Along with the steel drums, the Redline and color guard dazzled audiences with their impressive routines. Through hard work and perseverance, this year's show was a joy to members and audiences alike. The Redline entertained crowds at both football and basketball games. All who participated in these organizations worked their hardest to stay a step ahead of the rest.

by Reagan Myers

"The Redline has made my college experience so much more memorable!
-*Harley Menard*"

steel drums



above: Jamesha Butler, Shaquilla Jordan, Jacob Landry, Max Johnson, Nick Rivera, Sky Molaison, Skylar Easley

redline



above: Haley Simmons, Lacee Quiroz, Harley Menard; second row: Whitni Godbold, Jes Barnes, Abbey Hooks, Rebecca Richmond; third row: Courtni Godbold, Britni Godbold Annelise Medlin, Margaret Mullen, Dallas Smith

color guard



above: Cortney Williams, Ashley Tillery, Shaquilla Jordan, Reagan Myers, Jamesha Butl Ashley Van Buren, Jasmine Chatman, Kelly Arnold, Laramie Callihan

opposite page: Abbey Hooks and Margaret Mullen dance to the music.



winterland wonder

"rockin' around the Christmas tree"

During the first week of December, the stage band debuted their annual Christmas show. The Christmas Stage Band show has become a community favorite since its conception in the early 20th century. This year's Christmas Stage Band show was a "Winterland Wonder." The show featured a variety of Christmas show tunes that excited the audience during each part of the program. The Stage Band performers started the show off with "Let the Celebration Begin," where their main goal was to catch the audience's attention and draw them into the show. This year's Christmas Stage Band show included performances such as "The Christmas Song," "Silver Bells," "All I Want for Christmas is You," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," "Dig That, Crazy Santa Claus," "Welcome to Our World," and "I'll be Home for Christmas!"

After the intermission, Stage Band vocalists performed a medley of "Jingle Bells." Then, Southwest's Steel Pan ensemble stepped out on stage to perform "Green Sleeves." Next, the Southwest Choir performed "I'll Be Home for Christmas." Throughout the show, special performances were given by Lacee Quiroz, Reagan Myers, Jonathon Traigle, Matthew Stewart, Mariha Beadle, Laken Brock, and Wes Wroten. After all of those performances, all students who helped put together this fabulous show were called onto the stage to perform "Joy to the World." At the end of the show, the performers all took a bow while the audience clapped loudly. Each student who participated showed a great amount of enthusiasm and talent. This year's Christmas Stage Band show was another one for the books.

by Christian Green and Reagan Myers





right: Kelly Arnold performs the opening number with the stage band singers; far right: Jonathon Traigle sings "Run, Run Rudolph;" opposite page: Mahalah Byrd, Haley Simmons, and Lacee Quiroz strike a Christmas pose.





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above: MACJC Men's Basketball State Champions: Mario Doyle, Flozell Johnson, Sean Smith, Ben Howze, James Hawthorne, Andy Farrell, Assistant Coach; second row: Thomas Gray, Head Coach; Mike DuBose, Assistant Coach; Terrell Miller, Guy Johnson, Donnie Thibodeaux, Lederrius Simmons, Zach Barnes, Lafayette Rutledge, Bryce Baker, Gregory Henderson; third row: Joseph Coleman, Rodrick Sikes, Emanuel Thompson, Chris McIntosh; right: Trey Fleming runs for yards after a catch; middle right: Kristie Sanchez stares down an opposing pitcher while she is up to bat; far right: Dylan Spiers makes a throw within the infield to tag a runner out.



ATHLETICS

From the football field to the basketball court and the baseball diamond, the Bears showed resilience in their fight to contend in a multitude of sports. They hoped to claim victory against all of their competition; the Bears never backed down in times of turmoil, and they continuously displayed admirable performances for their fans and fellow students. Throughout the year, the Bears made it known throughout the MACJC that they would be a force to be reckoned with, and they never allowed their opponents to forget it.

In the fall, the football team pulled off a resounding 17-10 overtime win over Coahoma, causing the crowd to erupt in excitement over the Bears' triumph. The men's soccer team came one win away from qualifying for playoffs, finishing the season with an impressive 7-8-2 showing and defeating arch-rival Co-Lin twice, 6-1 and 5-0. Achievements like these kept Southwest fans proudly shouting for their Bears.

The men's and women's basketball teams both maintained a competitive spirit throughout their seasons, and they steadily remained in the playoff picture throughout the year. The men's team even went all the way to the state championship and defeated Jones County 94-83 to claim their first state title since 1963. Their winning efforts filled the stands on Monday nights in the Bears' gym and consisted of rambunctious fans eager to show their support for the teams. The cheerleaders took to the sidelines at every basketball and football game to amplify the spirit in the crowd, never failing to pump up the noise wherever they were in attendance.

As spring came around, the baseball and softball teams took to the diamond to flash their skills. The baseball team opened the season with a two-game sweep of LSU-Alexandria JV, 10-9 and 7-6. The Lady Bears softball team also completed a two-game sweep of Mississippi Delta 4-1 and 11-3 to begin their season. Both teams proved that they were willing to do whatever it took to prove that the Bears were going to be a dominant force. No matter the sport, no matter the season, no matter the athlete, Southwest Bears always demonstrated an aggressive mindset and a will to take on any obstacle in their path.

by Seth Nieman







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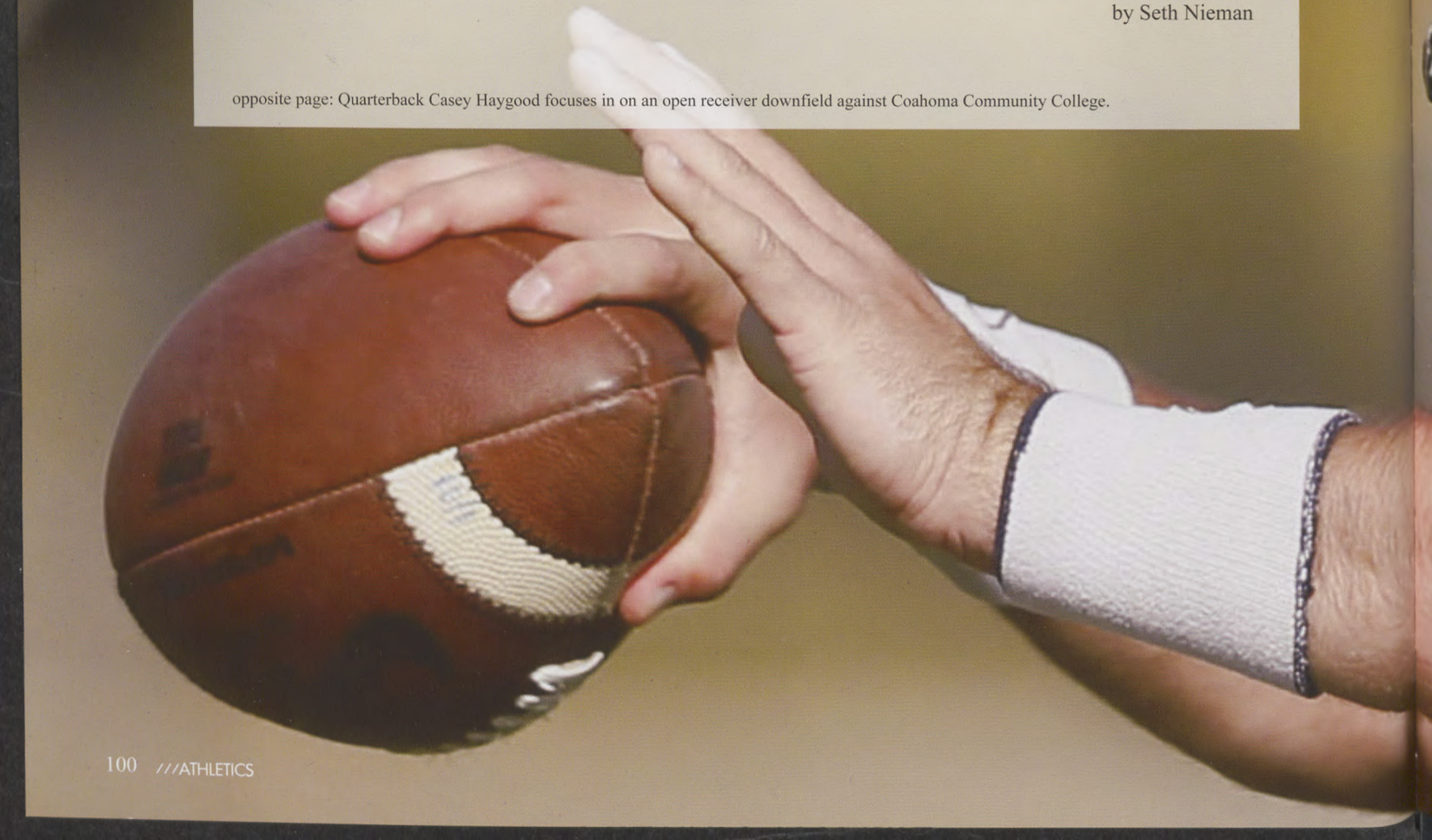
bears on the prowl

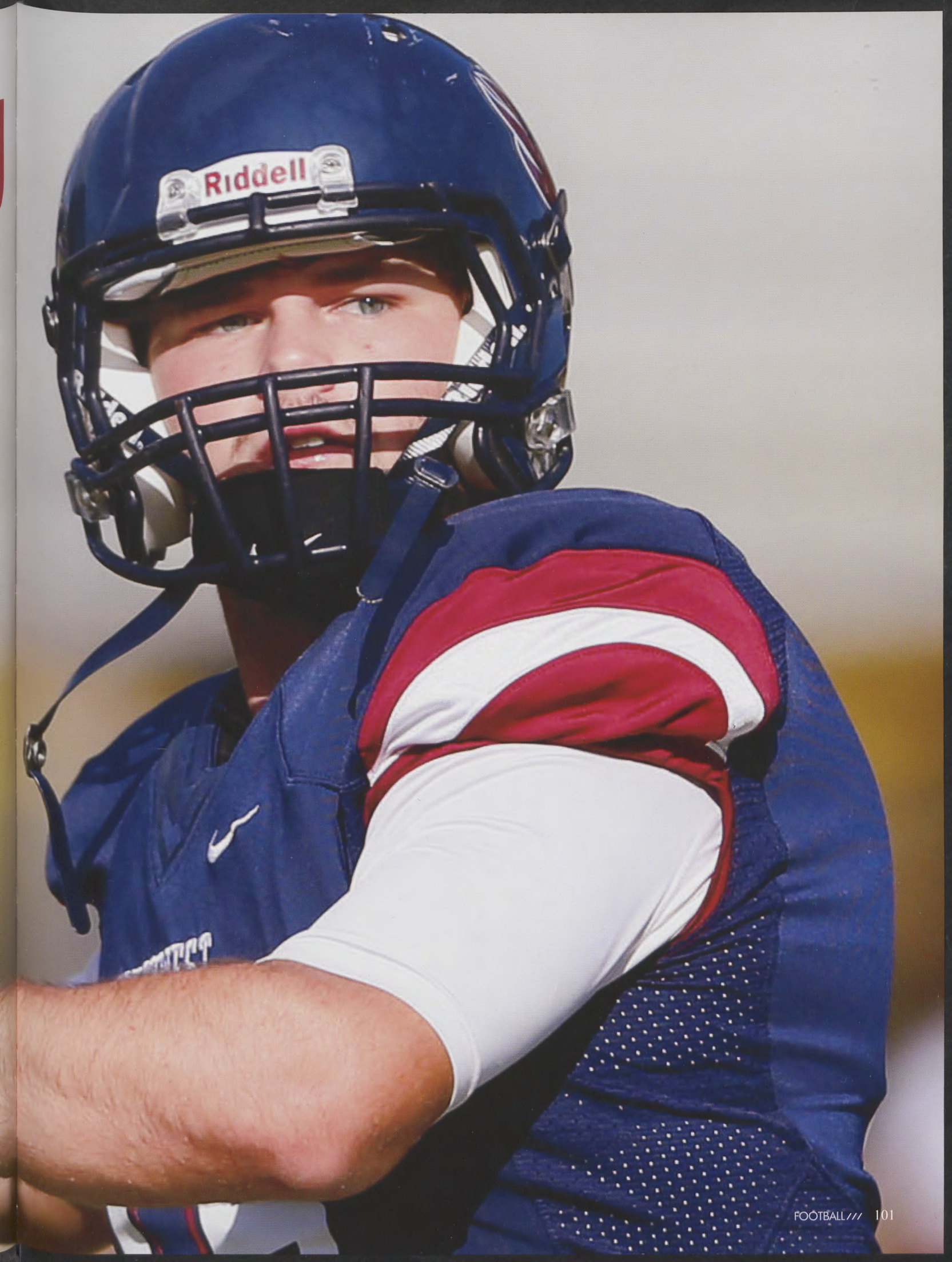
Southwest Bears football team took part in nine hard-fought games week in and out throughout the entire 2015 season. The first victory of the season came over the Mississippi Delta Trojans on the road, 20-13, due to a 38-yard game-winning touchdown pass from Tyler Shell to Shuntez Smith in the closing seconds. The Bears' second win was over the Pearl River Wildcats, 31-27, a huge win for the Bears, who had not defeated Pearl River in eight years. At last, their final victory was the biggest of them all, a 17-10 overtime homecoming win over Coahoma Community College in front of an exhilarated crowd at John I. Hurst Stadium. A 19-yard touchdown pass from Sidney Davis Jr. to Shuntez Smith on the second play of overtime won the game for the Bears as students and fans excitingly celebrated. "These kids keep fighting and they keep playing and we put ourselves in a position to win the game and that's what they did. It's a credit to these guys that they keep coming to work and keep trying," said Bears' head coach Tucker Peavey.

Quarterback Casey Haygood finished the season, completing 73 of 144 passes for 935 yards, six touchdowns, and four interceptions. Quarterback Tyler Shell completed 51 of 96 passes for 607 yards, five touchdowns, and two interceptions. Running back Justin Blue finished the season with 115 carries for 555 yards and four touchdowns. Running back LaDarion Peterson finished with 94 carries for 485 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Ravian Pierce finished with 27 receptions for 307 yards and 3 touchdowns. Wide receiver Shuntez Smith finished with fifteen receptions for 359 yards and six touchdowns. Michael Ware led the defense in tackles with 51 tackles, followed by Czachovaski Johnson with 50 tackles, and Josh Samander with 48 tackles. Jimmie Funchess led the defense in sacks with five. Kicker Reed James made 9 of 13 field goals with his longest being 42 yards, and made 19 of 21 extra point attempts. It was the hard work and determination of the football team that made many fans and students proud to be a Southwest Bear.

by Seth Nieman

opposite page: Quarterback Casey Haygood focuses in on an open receiver downfield against Coahoma Community College.




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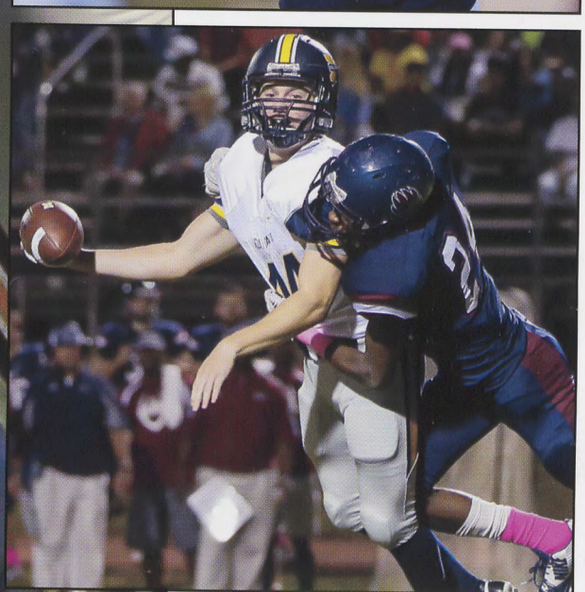
bears claw











left: Running back LaDarion Peterson stretches for the first down against the Jones County Bobcats; top right: Justin Blue strides downfield with the ball; middle right: Trey Fleming prepares to catch a pass on offense; bottom right: Tyras Wraggs sacks the quarterback on defense against the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs.

chant of champions







SCOREBOARD

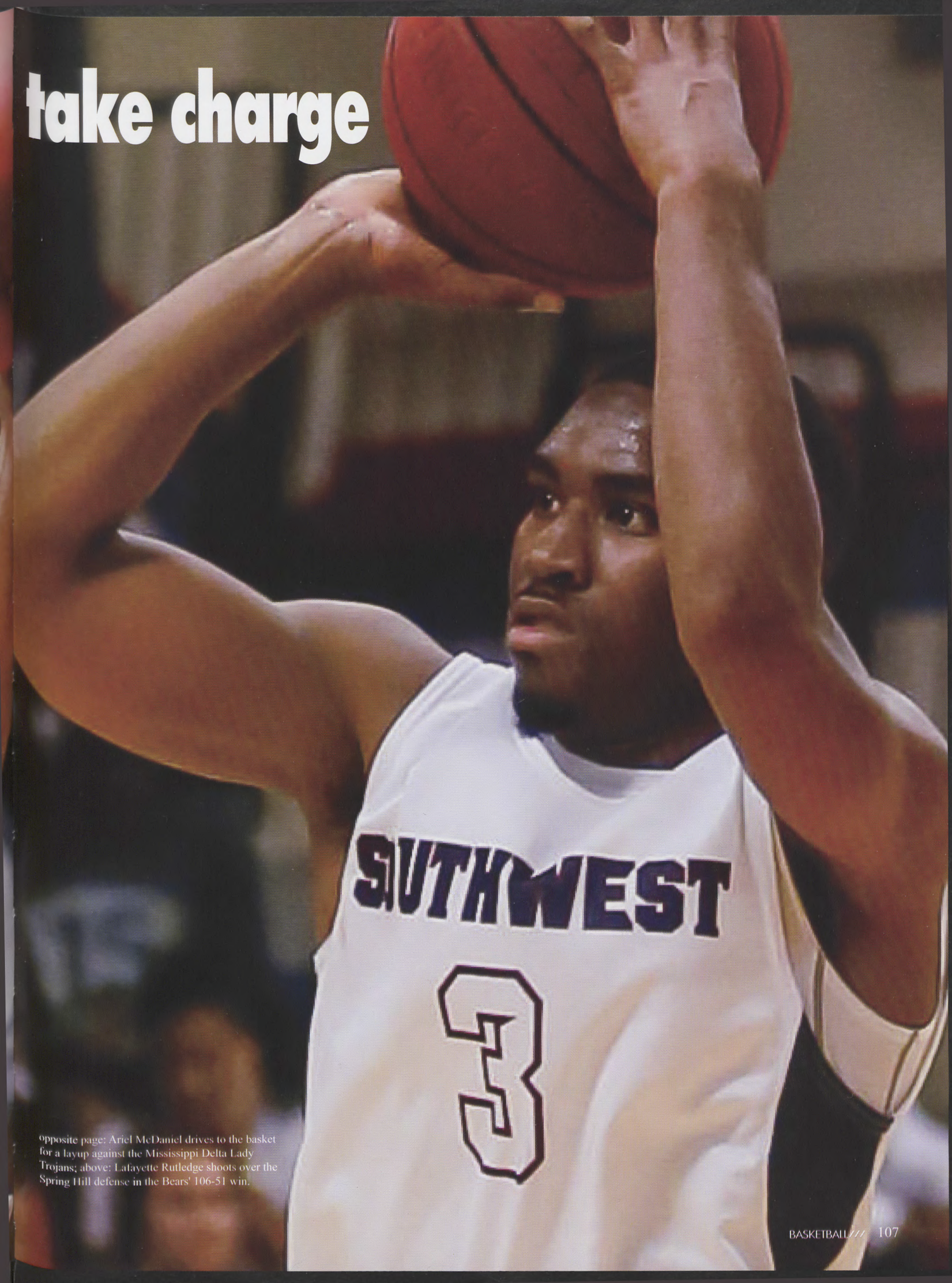
L East MS 69-20	W MS Delta 20-13
L Jones 27-14	L Co-Lin 29-26
W Pearl River 31-27	L Gulf Coast 37-10
W Coahoma 17-10	L East Central 47-17
L Hinds 38-17	

top left: Ravian Pierce breaks a tackle while striding downfield; top right: Reed James kicks a field goal against Coahoma Community College as Cliff Fernandez acts as holder; opposite page: Maury Bland Jr. roars after the defense commits a huge play against Jones County Junior College; above: Tyler Shell remains in the pocket looking for open receivers.


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take charge



opposite page: Ariel McDaniel drives to the basket for a layup against the Mississippi Delta Lady Trojans; above: Lafayette Rutledge shoots over the Spring Hill defense in the Bears' 106-51 win.

here for the air time
bears win MACJC state title

Coming into the season with a roster loaded with freshmen, the Southwest Bears basketball team was certainly filled with an abundance of young talent. Terrell Miller, Lafayette Rutledge, LeDerrius Simmons, and Chris McIntosh were the only four sophomores that took the court this season, with Miller being the only one who had not previously played for the Bears. However, the youth of the team did not stop them from embarking on a journey that took them all the way to the MACJC State Championship where they defeated Jones County 94-83. It was the first state title for Bears basketball since 1963, and students and fans gathered together to support the team by having watch parties throughout the week of the state tournament. "This was an unbelievable experience that as a coach I was extremely blessed to be a part of. I could not be happier for a group of guys as I am this group. I told our team at various points this season that we may not be the most talented group in the state, but I really believe we were the best team in terms of being there for one another and genuinely loving each other," Bears head coach Thomas Gray said. Rodrick Sikes led the way with thirty-one points in the championship game, making 2-3 three point shots and shooting 17-22 from the field.

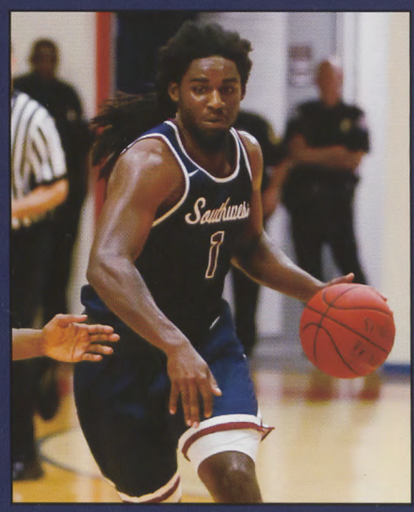
The Bears defeated Northwest Mississippi, 86-80, and East Mississippi, 61-59, to advance to the championship game, thanks to a clutch performance from Terrell Miller. With five seconds left in the game and the teams tied at 59, Chris McIntosh inbounded the ball to Miller under the basket, and he laid the ball up for a go-ahead score to clinch the win for the Bears. In the following week of the championship game, Coach Gray was selected as HoopDirt.com coach of the week and became eligible to receive their National Coach of the Year Award at the conclusion of the season. It was a year of many achievements for the men's basketball team and one that many will never forget.

by Seth Nieman

SCOREBOARD

William Carey	W
91-83	
Delgado	W
64-62	
MS Delta	L
56-53	
Baton Rouge	L
64-63	
Southern-Shreveport	L
66-58	
Hinds	W
74-37	
MS Delta	W
84-73	
Meridian	W
70-61	
MS Gulf Coast	W
89-88	
Jones County	W
94-83	





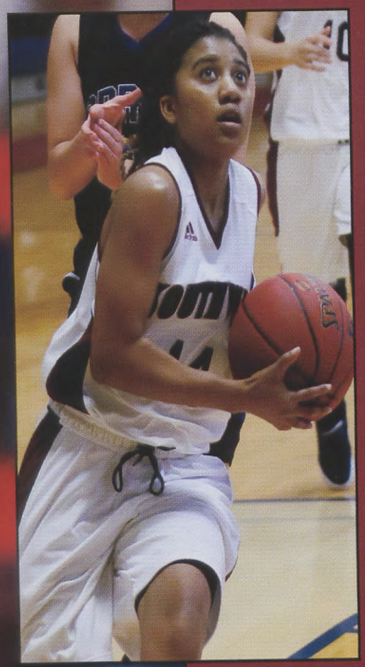


above: Emanuel Thompson, Zach Barnes, Mario Doyle, Rodrick Sikes, LeDerrius Simmons, Guy Johnson, Derrick Thompson, Lafayette Rutledge; second row: Thomas Gray, Mike DuBose, Joseph Coleman, Bryce Baker, James Hawthorne, Sean Smith, Terrell Miller, Ben Howze, Chris McIntosh, Andy Farrell; top left: Sean Smith drives to the basket against Spring Hill; top right: Terrell Miller dribbles the ball up court against Southern-Shreveport; opposite page: Chris McIntosh looks for an open teammate to pass to in the post against MS Gulf Coast.


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crash the boards
team fights for control



Lady Bears started the season on a high note as they took a 9-1 record into Christmas break by defeating teams such as Mississippi Delta, Pearl River, Hinds, and two wins over Baton Rouge. Their strong start to the season gave hope to many fans for what would come in the following games. While this year's team consisted of several freshmen, head coach Brent Harris had faith in his five returning sophomores to continue leading the team throughout the season. Those five returning sophomores were Gabriella Cortez, Ke'Asia Gray, Teshia Jones, Lillie Snowden, and Tatyana Turner. "A small goal of ours was to get to the post-season," Harris said. "Then, once we got there, as we've proved in the past, we could make some noise."

Following their 65-61 loss to Pensacola State, the Lady Bears went on a nine-game winning streak that helped propel them to the top of the South Division standings. They defeated Mississippi Delta, 86-57, MS Gulf Coast, 66-59, and Jones County 84-78. The Lady Bears secured themselves a playoff spot in the MACJC State Tournament after they defeated the Meridian Lady Eagles, 71-69. "It was great to clinch a playoff spot that early," Harris said, as the Lady Bears still had four games remaining in the season. Gabriella Cortez led the team in scoring and rebounding through the first twenty games, averaging 17.2 points per game and grabbing 6.3 rebounds per game. Freshman guard Alissa Adam led the team in assists, averaging seven assists per game while also shooting fourty-three percent from the field. The Lady Bears consistently gave their best effort in fighting toward victory night in and night out to make their school proud.

by Seth Nieman



above: Kristy Armwood, Chelsea James, KeAsia Gray, Teshia Jones, Tatyana Turner, Aerial McDaniel, Alissa Adam, Shalisa Hawthorne; second row: Brent Harris, Head Basketball Coach; LaTasha Rhodes, Jazmine Moore, Gabriella Cortez, Shelby Taylor, Terrica Barnes, A'Keiya McDyess, Lillie Snowden, Aleyah Jefferson, Jabria Durrell, Britta Stephens, Assistant Basketball Coach

opposite page: Teshia Jones goes up for a layup against Spring Hill; top left: KeAsia Gray drives to the basket to score.

> "We fought all season long in hopes of becoming the best team we knew that we could be. Everyone bought in and worked hard."
>
> *- Tatyana Turner*

SCOREBOARD

Baton Rouge	W
62-59	
MS Delta	W
89-45	
Pensacola State	L
65-61	
Southern-Shreveport	W
68-53	
Hinds	W
70-64	
Meridian	W
80-56	
MS Gulf Coast	W
66-59	
Co-Lin	L
80-67	
East Central	W
71-61	
Pearl River	W
46-44	



give out a yell
team cheers for wins



above: Tayler Jones, Rebecca Williams, Shakeya Nobles, Alexandra Moore, Julie Williams, Destiny Brister, Kimberly Anding, Olivia Lofton, Monica Amic, Jenna Lee; second row: Andy Morris, Hunter McCullough, Layne Brown, Grant Fereday, Taylor Rutland

Cheer team was composed of a group of interesting and skillful people. Rebecca Amic, cheer team sponsor, worked tirelessly to ensure the team of ten girls and five guys performed its best. The year began at the UCA camp at the University of Alabama. The members received two team trophies and a superior trophy for overall dedication; performance and stunting were awarded a third place trophy for fight song routine. Freshman Will Fauver, Southwest cheer squad mascot, landed a superior trophy for excellent exhibition at the UCA camp.

Following the rigorous camp activities, the cheerleaders practiced until their routine was polished and ready for presentation. The team not only cheered, but they also assembled pyramids and performed stunts and dance routines. Practice continued every Monday and Tuesday after lunch as the fall semester started. They participated in the Homecoming parades as well as local Christmas parades.

by Cody Pol





left: Olivia Lofton, Rebecca Williams, Alexandra Moore, and Tayler Jones cheer for the Bears from the sidelines; opposite page: Alexandra Moore runs onto the field before the game against Coahoma Community College; above: Layne Browne uses the megaphone to get fans on their feet.



defense wins
goalie takes charge

Men's soccer team fought their way to a 7-8-2 record this season, coming a few games away from earning themselves a playoff spot. The team still tied the record for most wins in the team's history. The Bears defeated Holmes Community College 1-0 for their first win of the season. They also defeated rival Copiah-Lincoln Community College twice in the season for the second year straight, 6-1 in the first match, and 5-0 in the second. In the 6-1 victory, forward Morris Aitken set a school record, becoming the first Southwest Bear to score four goals in a game. Aitken's performance earned him the title of MACJC and NJCAA Offensive Player of the Week. They also beat Meridian Community College twice, 2-0 in the first match, and 4-1 in the second. Midfielder Trent Nicholson would tie Aitken's record in the 4-1 victory, scoring all four goals.

The Bears also picked up a 5-0 win over East Central Community College and a 2-0 win over Itawamba Community College. Late in the season, goalkeeper Bryant Boyington was named MACJC Keeper of the Week for his performances in games against Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Jones County Junior College.Tristan Nicholson finished the season with twelve goals, Morris Aitken had seven goals, Brock Andrus and Tristan Garriga both had three goals, and Vadim Drake and Jonathan Schmaltz both had two goals. Bryant Boynton finished with a 1.31 goals-against average and a .827 save percentage. A season full of records and awards certainly solidified this year as one to remember for the Southwest Bears.

by Seth Nieman

opposite page: Goalie Bryant Boyington dives to save a goal while defending the net.



above: Will Parish, Parker Myrick, Whit Davis, Ignacio Cruz, Clifford Zayzay, Tristan Garriga, Morris Aitken, Phillip Mallet, Jonathan Schmaltz; second row: Drew Gallant, Head Coach; Tristen Nicholson, Drew McInnis, Krawford Boyd, Bryant Boyington, Brock Andrus, Ryan Richardson, Vadim Drake, Irving Aitken, Zach Mills, Assistant Coach


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counter attack
bears battle for the ball

Bears' women's soccer endured a long season, finishing 2-13-2 and picking up wins over Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Northwest Mississippi Community College. They defeated Copiah-Lincoln 3-0 and Northwest Mississippi 1-0. In the win against Copiah-Lincoln, freshman Taylor Laurent recorded a hat trick by scoring all three goals for the Bears. That superb performance earned her the title of MACJC Offensive Player of the Week.

Taylor Laurent finished the season with eight goals, Kaitlyn Cooper had four goals, and Morgan Foster, Gracey Freeman, Brinkley Gallant, and Ariel Hutson all had one goal. Goalkeeper Kendyl Adam finished with a 3.45 goals-against average and a .742 save percentage. "The sophomore class we had this year is the biggest and most talented class we've ever brought in. This class had more talent, more select-level players, and just better overall athletes than we've ever had," said head coach Drew Gallant.

by Seth Nieman





above: Brittaney Hipps, Brinkley Gallant, Kaitlyn Pitts, Ariel Hutson, Lexi Baker, Danaraye Parks, Morgan Foster, Aqura Wilson, Gracey Freeman, Jessica Malloy; second row: Drew Gallant, Head Coach; Kristen Parnell, Kennedy Mount, Briana Miller, Jordan Wigington, Devin Cassett, Kendyl Adam, Kaitlyn Cooper, Lydia Byrd, Taylor Laurent, Courtney Lewis, Sidney Hill, Zach Mills, Assistant Coach





left: Kaitlyn Cooper maintains possession of the ball; opposite page: Taylor Laurent stretches out to kick the ball downfield; opposite page: Jessica Malloy focuses while dribbling the ball; opposite page, top left: Morgan Foster attempts to keep the ball away from her opponent; top left: Kendyl Adam prepares to take a goal kick; above: Danaraye Parks fights to take the ball away from her opponent.



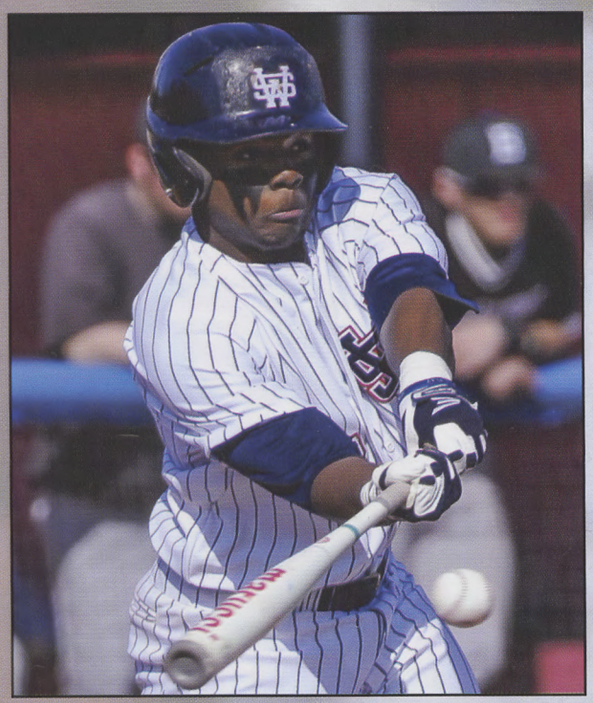
making plays

bears battle for victories

Hoping to prove their excellence on the diamond once again, the Bears' baseball team sought out a playoff bid for the second straight year under head coach Ken Jackson. Joining Jackson in the dugout was assistant coaches Justin Hay, Ben Slaton, and student assistant Patric Devlin. The Bears were very experienced in both the outfield and the infield this season. Four of five outfielders were returning sophomores L.D. Coney, Ross Buckley, Jarvis Warner, and Steven Williams. The Bears also had six infielders return from the previous season, including Brady Anderson, Jesse Pittman, Tanner Whittington, Duncan Cornfoot, and Dylan Spiers.

"We think we had a chance to be very competitive this season," Jackson said. "We have a lot of players returning from a position standpoint, and we returned two pitchers who played a major role on our team last year, Jacob Buchanan and Brady Wilson." The pitching rotation also consisted of Dylan Spiers and Kaleb Clarke. The Bears opened the season with a two-game sweep of the LSU-Alexandria JV team, 10-9 and 7-6.

by Seth Nieman





above: Jesse Pittman, John Marcus McDowell, Darrell Montiforte, Alex Smith, John Miles McNeese, Aaron McKay, Tyler Pigott, Gerald Groue, Zach Giacona, Dallas Smith; second row: Duncan Cornfoot, Jarvis Warner, Tanner Whittington, Dylan Spiers, Carr Young, Ross Buckley, Brady Anderson, L.D. Coney, Walt Aldridge, Jacob Buchanan, Kyle Coleman; back row: Kaleb Clarke, Ryan Holland, Blake Dunaway, Ben Maddox, Brady Wilson, Braden Smith, Leighton Whitehead, Steven Williams, Blake Johnson, Darian Tunstall





left: Kyle Coleman winds up for the pitch; opposite page: Duncan Cornfoot swings at a pitch; top left: L.D. Coney stares down a pitch as he prepares to swing; above: Brady Anderson tags runner.



work hard, play hard

teamwork takes players to the top

Under the direction of first-year head coach Shea Johnson, the Lady Bears softball team began the season determined to show many what they were capable of. Johnson was formerly the assistant coach of the Lady Bears, but she was promoted to the head coaching position last summer. The Lady Bears replaced seven starters and had only five sophomores on the roster, four of which returned from last season. Those four returning sophomores were Jessica Penton, Austin Pruitt, Jana McEwen, and Macy Fulton. "These ladies worked hard in the pre-season and looked forward to taking on the MACJC this year," Coach Johnson said.

Johnson also looked forward to seeing how the several freshmen on the roster for the Lady Bears showed their strengths. "Our freshman class has come in very strong this season. With only five sophomores returning, I expected the freshmen to step up quickly. We had a number of freshmen that I was not afraid to call on in high-pressure situations," he said. The softball team went 5-3 through their first eight games, picking up two wins over Bishop State Community College, 4-0, 15-8, a win over Baton Rouge Community College, 7-2, and another two wins over Mississippi Delta, 4-1, 11-3. "I think we really stepped up and made a lot of progress this season. The girls really improved and stepped up to the plate when they needed to," Fulton said. The Lady Bears demonstrated the productivity that comes along with teamwork throughout the season, and their love for the game would never be questioned.

by Seth Nieman









above: Kayla Sanchez, Rebecca Davis, Jana McEwen, Austin Pruitt, Mary Vogle, Kristie Sanchez; second row: Jessie Penton, Kelcey Bremenkamp, McKenzie Brock, Markia Quinn, Lexie Johnson, Gianca Holmes; third row: Jeney Hudson, Paige Harvey, Macy Fulton, Jordan Fitzgerald, Jenna Duff, Emily Tuminello; opposite page: Jessie Penton swings for a hit against Copiah-Lincoln; top left: Jordan Fitzgerald gets in position to throw a runner out in the infield; top right: Markia Quinn winds back to throw the ball to the home plate; right: Rebecca Davis eyes the catcher's signal from the pitching mound.



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above: Members of Who's Who pose for a picture; right: Alexandra Moore smiles at the Parade of Beauties Pageant; middle right: Wes Wroten dazzles the crowd at the Christmas Show; far right: Harley Menard flashes a smile at the audience.

PEOPLE



Letting loose and having a thunderous time came naturally to students. Students, administration, faculty, and staff were the center of life at Southwest. Every event that took place involved people, and the students definitely drummed up the energy every single time.

In the past, every great school started with a strong and active leadership, including Southwest. The administration, faculty, and staff made a booming impression on the students who sought guidance for the next phase of their academic career.

Every aspect of campus life involved students. The students kept the spirit of the school up with every yell, uproar, and explosion of excitement. There was a wide variety of students from all over, some as close as Colorado, and others from as far away as Uganda and Spain, making it a far cry from mundane. Southwest took pride in knowing the college offered students a wide variety of extracurricular activities and a culturally diverse education.

Nominees of Who's Who represented the qualilty students the institution had to offer. Students elected to this honorable group were those who exemplified what it meant to be a model Bear. The Board of Trustees contributed to the building of the new seven million dollar men's dormitories. Those board members pushed to make living conditions better for not only the male students, but also for the female students. Administration consistently encouraged the students, faculty, and staff to maintain and even exceed the college's record of excellence.

The students who pushed hard for outstanding excellence were nominated for prestigious awards, such as the Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges and the much sought after HEADWAE and Hall of Fame. Students brought out the best of each other on and off campus, and they kept the atmosphere perfect for everyone to have a "roaring" good time.

by Ashley S. Prejean







President Bishop

Bishop guides Southwest

In his fifth year as SMCC President, Dr. Steve Bishop continued to lead the way for the college. This was a year of continued progress and great outcomes, including the MACJC Men's Basketball State Championship.

SMCC was ranked fifteen out of over six hundred community colleges in the nation and continued to attract top-quality students from our local area as well as many other parts of Mississippi and surrounding states. With Dr. Bishop's support Phi Theta Kappa members participated in regional, state, and international meetings. The Student Success Center continued to provide services to many more students to support academic success in the classroom. We also launched a new website.

Student activities flourished. SMCC's student organizations enjoyed success at various competitions throughout the year. Our athletic teams, band, choir, and cheerleaders also enjoyed a successful year. Support for the SMCC Foundation and Alumni Association continued to grow. The Bear Backer Club, the athletic fundraising arm of the SMCC Foundation, continued to be extremely successful this year as well.

Infrastructure upgrades were a priority. Construction of the new, two-story men's dormitory was completed, and the dormitory opened in the fall. The street between SMCC and North Pike High School was overlaid. The SMCC Health and Wellness Center relocated to the renovated Physical Education Building. The roof on the grill gymnasium was replaced. The stage in the Fine Arts Building Hurst Auditorium was refurbished with new paint and new flooring with funds provided through a private donation. The lobby in the basketball gymnasium was expanded and renovated. Bleachers were added to the soccer field, and new elevated bleachers were added to the football stadium. The management of timber and the beautification of the campus were also important ongoing projects in 2015-2016.

In the Career-Technical and Workforce Development areas, upgrades were completed and new equipment was purchased. Opportunities for training continued to grow in both areas. New positions on campus were added, and other positions were filled with members of the SMCC family. In addition, Wade Carney, Kimberly Jackson, Debra Jackson, and T.W. Bearden were welcomed as new members of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Bishop continued to represent SMCC on many state and local boards. He continued to serve chairmanship of the State Community College Athletic Committee. He also remained active in the McComb Rotary Club.



above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Athletic Director; Andy Farrell, Assistant Basketball Coach; Dr. Steve Bishop, SMCC President; Thomas Gray, Head Basketball Coach; and Mike DuBose, Assistant Basketball Coach, celebrate the MACJC Men's Basketball State Championship; opposite page: Dr. Steve Bishop poses with his family: Ruth, Melanie, Arthur, Eleanor, and Katherine.



board of trustees
Southwest ranks fifteenth

Southwest's future was in good hands under the watch of the Board of Trustees. They made key decisions in making sure the college stayed on course throughout the school year. The professionalism of all of the seventeen men and women guided the school on a successful route with their backgrounds in law, business, industry, and education, and kept the school in its best shape within all areas.

The work the board did to make Southwest the best was rewarded when WalletHub, a nationally-ranked professional organization, ranked SMCC number 15 of 670 community colleges in America. The four categories that were used to rank individual community colleges were cost and financing, classroom experience, education outcomes, and career outcomes. The board members represented four county districts, which included Pike, Amite, Walthall, and Wilkinson counties.

by Seth Nieman



above: Dr. Steve Bishop, Reggie Jones, Bobby Nelson; second row: Chris Hollis, Bill Sharp, James Brumfield, Debra Jackson, Dr. Robert Vick, Jimmy Lowery, Dr. Henry Lewis, Treva Reid, Scotty Whittington, and T.W. Bearden



Reggie Jones, President
Amite County



Bobby Nelson, Vice-President
Pike County



Timothy Scott, Secretary
Wilkinson County



James Brumfield
Pike County



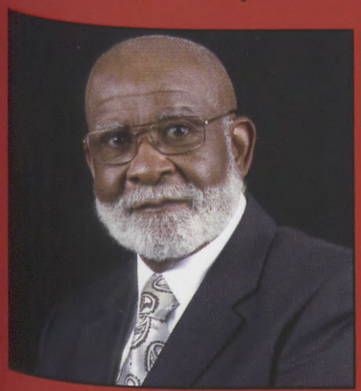
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Debra Jackson
Pike County



Jimmie M. McKennis
Pike County



Dr. Robert Vick
Pike County



Chris Hollis
Amite County



Dr. Henry Lewis
Amite County



Rebecca Robertson
Amite County



Bill Sharp
Amite County



Scotty Whittington
Amite County



Treva Reid
Wilkinson County



T.W. Bearden
Walthall County



Jimmy Lowery
Walthall County

administrators
leaders pave the way



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- Pat Young
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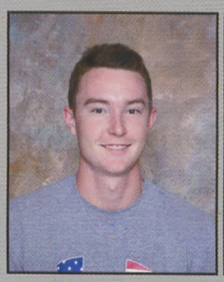
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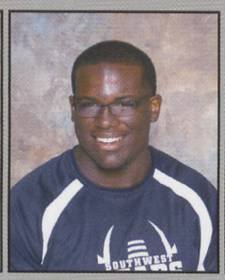
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-Robin Kuntz
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who's who among students at american universities and colleges


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Ashley Coleman


Aurora Diaz


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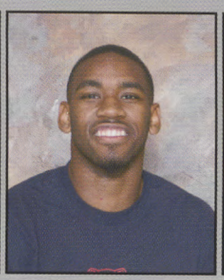

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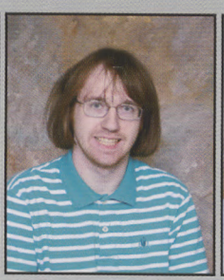

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Jonathan Shell


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Brooklyn Westmoreland


Aaron Wilkinson


Benton Wilson

not pictured: Emily Ashley, Kayla Baldwin, Vincent Calhoun Jr., Reed James, Earlisa Matthews, Jana McEwen, Liliana McKnight, Danaraye Parks, Brandy Powell, and Sara Tanksley

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honorees exemplify leadership





abbey hooks and susan hedges

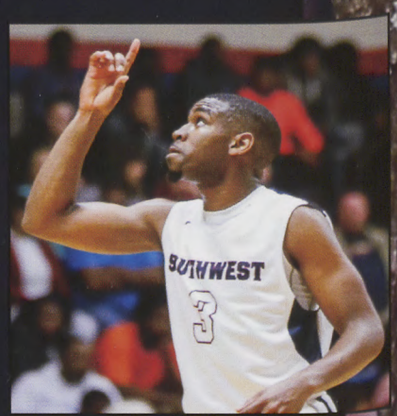
Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was a program developed by the Legislature of Mississippi and sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year, HEADWAE honored the intellectually talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions for their marvelous contributions to promoting academic excellence. Southwest Mississippi Community College sophomore Abbey Hooks and instructor Susan Hedges were recognized at the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence ceremony in Jackson, Mississippi.

Abbey Hooks of Summit, Mississippi, was the daughter of Clayton and Tonya Hooks. She was a graduate of North Pike High School. At Southwest, Abbey served as the Student Government Association Student Body President and Phi Theta Kappa Vice-President of Leadership. She also served as the Redline Captain and Miss Southwest Mississippi Community College. She was selected as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team and the Hall of Fame. She was also an active member of Choir, Bear Trackers, and Scholars' Bowl. In addition, she served as the Baseball Statistician. Abbey planned to further her education at the University of Mississippi, where she majored in Professional Sports Marketing and Accounting.

Susan George Hedges of McComb, Mississippi, was a sociology and social work instructor at Southwest for the past sixteen years and worked in higher education for the past twenty-two years. During that time, Hedges served as the Phi Theta Kappa advisor at SMCC and received the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Advisor award. She graduated from Mississippi University for Women in 1980, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. In 1982, she graduated from the University of Alabama, where she received her Master's of Social Work. Hedges received many prestigious awards throughout her career, such as the Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Achievement award, Lamplighters award, and Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. Hedges was active in her community, where she served on the McComb School District Board of Trustees and St. Andrew's Mission Board. She was a past member of the Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association president and a present member of Centenary United Methodist Church. She was also a licensed, certified social worker, a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and a member of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy. She was married to Jim Hedges, and they had two children, John Hedges and Lisa Hedges.

by Christian Green









above: Christian Green, Abbey Hooks, Lafayette Rutledge, and Aurora Diaz smile for the camera; top left: Aurora Diaz poses for the photographer; top right: Lafayette Rutledge goes for the goal; bottom right: Christian Green laughs at a joke; right: Abbey Hooks performs for the audience.



hall of fame
college honors leaders

Christian Green, Abbey Hooks, Lafayette Rutledge, and Aurora Diaz were selected as members of the Hall of Fame.

Christian Green of Magnolia, Mississippi, was Student Body Treasurer, Phi Theta Kappa Secretary, and Co-Editor of the *Whispering Pines*. He was an active member of Phi Beta Lambda, *Pine Burr*, and was selected as Mr. SMCC. He was also selected to be a member of the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team as well as twice winning the Mississippi Community College Sectional Quiz Bowl Tournament.

Abbey Hooks of Summit, Mississippi, was the Student Body President and the Phi Theta Kappa Vice-President of Leadership. Also, she served as the SMCC Redline Captain and was selected as Miss SMCC. Abbey was selected as a member of Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team and HEADWAE Outstanding Student Award. Abbey was an active member of Bear Trackers, Quiz Bowl, and Choir.

Lafayette Rutledge of Gautier, Mississippi, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was placed on the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.8. He played basketball for the Southwest Bears, where he was named the number one shooter in the state of Mississippi, number seven shooter in the United States, and Regional Honorable Mention.

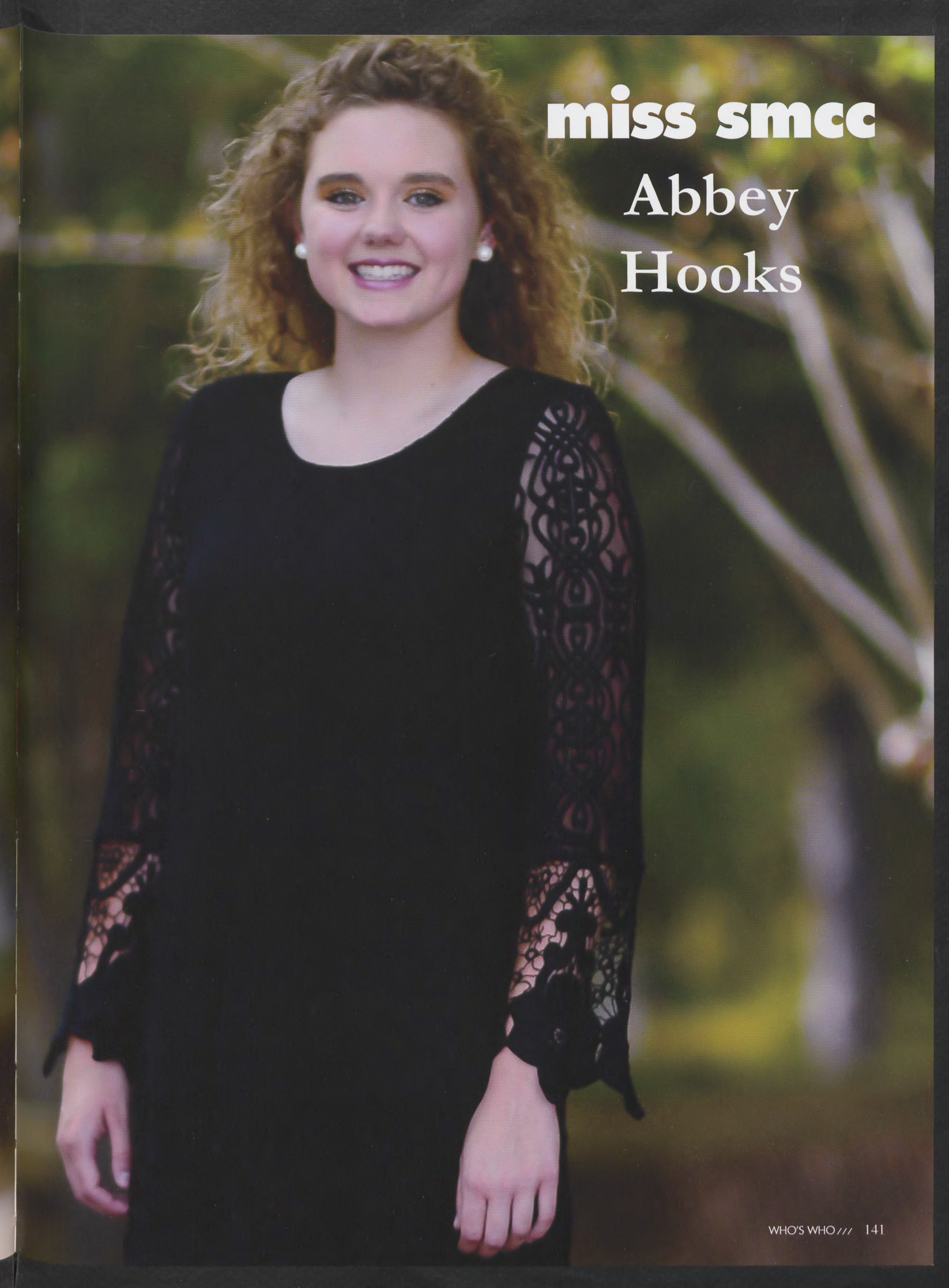
Aurora Diaz of Gloster, Mississippi, was the Valedictorian of Centreville Academy, the President of Phi Theta Kappa, Vice-President of the Student Government Association, and Vice-President of Tri-Beta. She was also an active member of Bear Trackers, Choir, and Quiz Bowl. She was a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and was selected as Sophomore Homecoming Maid.

by Christian Green

mr. smcc

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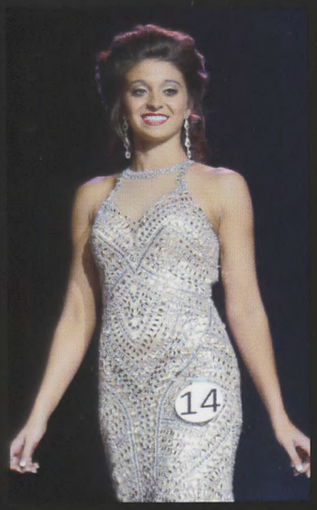
miss smcc

Abbey Hooks



parade of beauties

haley simmons poses with grace







Inside the Hurst Fine Arts Auditorium, faculty, students, and guests gathered to watch fourteen gorgeous ladies compete to be crowned "Most Beautiful." The event began at six-thirty that evening with an exhilarating performance of "Shut Up and Dance" presented by the Stage Band's singers and dancers. Abbey Hooks, Student Body President, welcomed everyone to the pageant and introduced Ashley Gray, Director of Student Activities and Housing, as the evening's host. Next, Ashley Gray announced the judges who would preside over the event. The judges who attended the event were Cori Holaday, Jane Breeland, and Johnny Reynolds. After the judges were acquainted with the audience, the individual modeling began. Each contestant, one by one, made her way to the stage to model her evening gown for the judges and the audience. Of those original fourteen ladies, ten were chosen to enter into the next round of the competition. As the judges deliberated on who to choose for the top five, Stage Band singers and dancers returned for another spectacular performance of "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift.

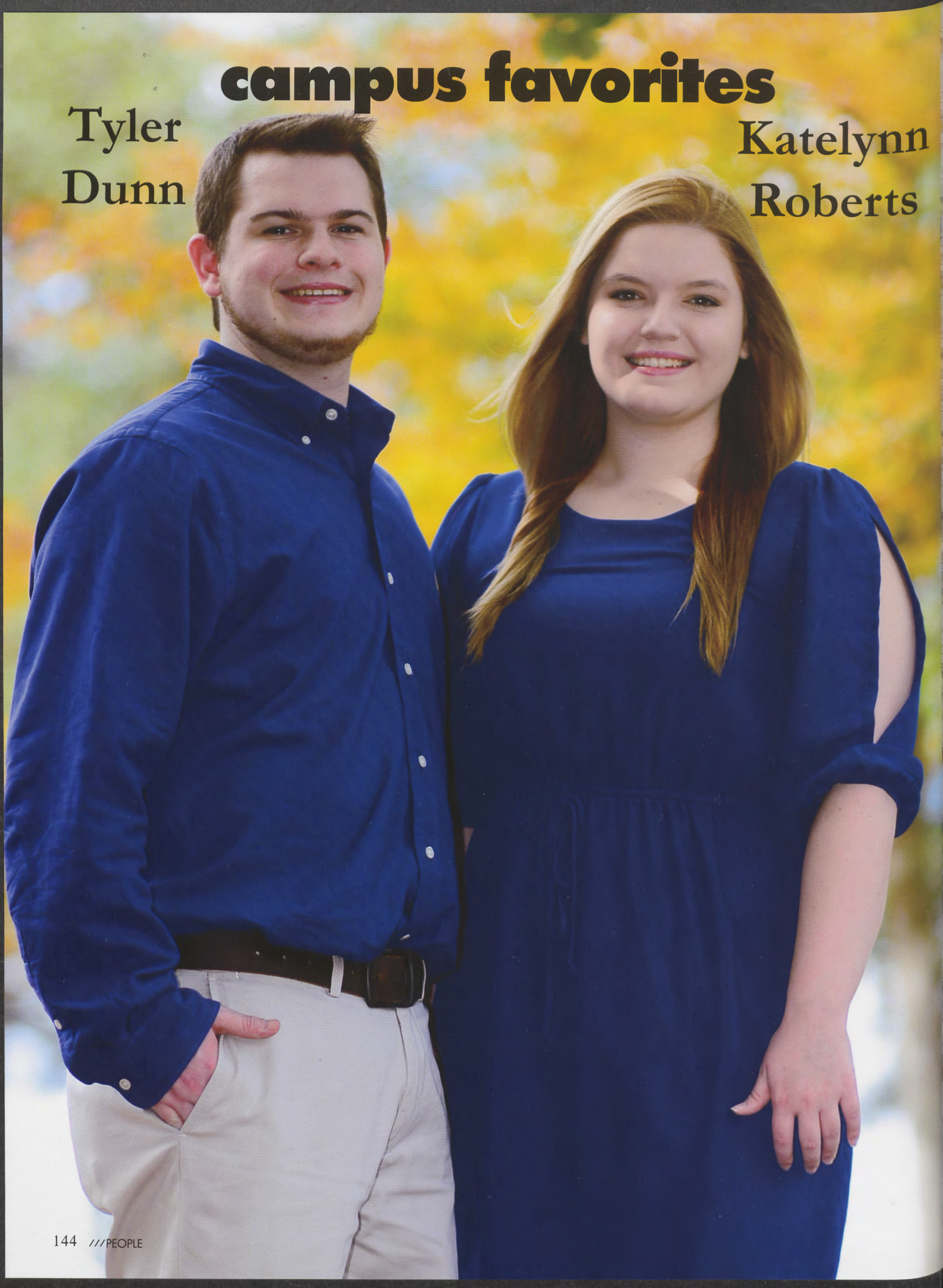
Once the final scores had been calculated, the top ten contestants were asked to join Ashley Gray on stage. The top ten contestants were Jenna Lee, Amberia Cameron, Brittany Brumfield, Lexie Johnson, McKenzie Brock, Alexandra Moore, Mallory Allen, Monica Amic, Haley Simmons, and Destiny Brister. The top ten contestants were asked to model their evening gowns once again before the judges. As the contestants returned backstage, Ashley Gray, Dr. Bill Ashley, and Kendyl Adam presented Who's Who of 2015. Each member was awarded a certificate stating his or her presented title and was asked to exit the stage. Lacee Quiroz, the 2014 Parade of Beauties "Most Beautiful,"was then asked to bid farewell in her last few moments of being "Most Beautiful." At last, the top five contestants were announced. The overall top five beauties were Amberia Cameron, Alexandra Moore, Mallory Allen, Monica Amic, and Destiny Brister. Lacee Quiroz awarded each contestant with a bouquet of flowers, assisted by Dr. Stephen Bishop. At the conclusion of the pageant, the contestant selected as "Most Beautiful" was Haley Simmons. The competition began and ended with excitement in the air. All participants were praised for their graceful performances shown on stage. Though only one contestant was chosen as "Most Beautiful," every contestant who stepped onto the stage was stunning.

by Christian Green and Seth Nieman

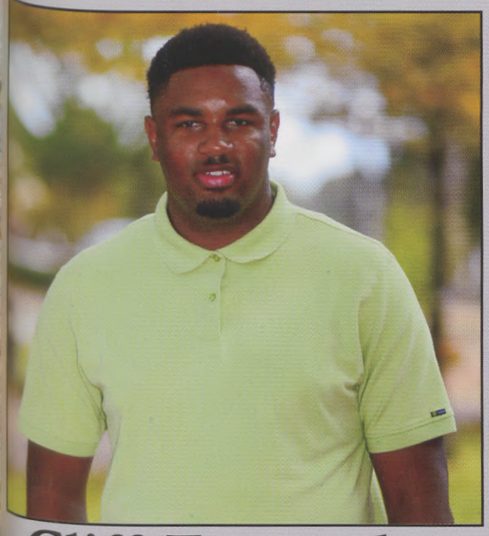


left: The top ten beauties, Brittany Brumfield, McKenzie Brock, Destiny Brister, Monica Amic, Mallory Allen, Haley Simmons, Alexandra Moore, Amberia Cameron, Jenna Lee, and Lexie Johnson, pose for a photo; opposite page: Parade of Beauties crowns Haley Simmons as Most Beautiful; top left: Destiny Brister glides across the stage; top right: McKenzie Brock smiles at the judges; middle: Monica Amic models her evening gown for the crowd.

campus favorites



most handsome and beaus



Cliff Fernandez



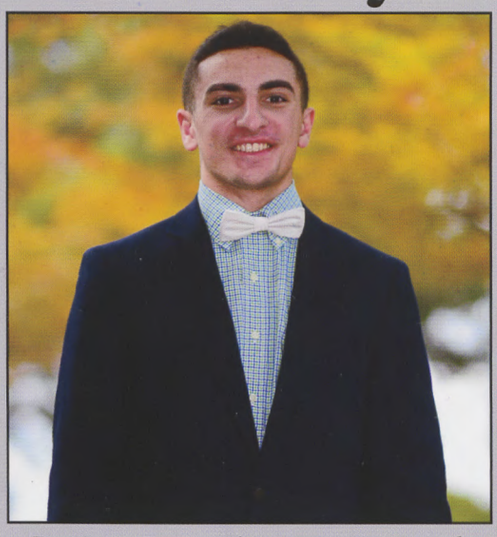
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Tyler Shell



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Cam Catchings

freshman favorites



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Lexie Johnson



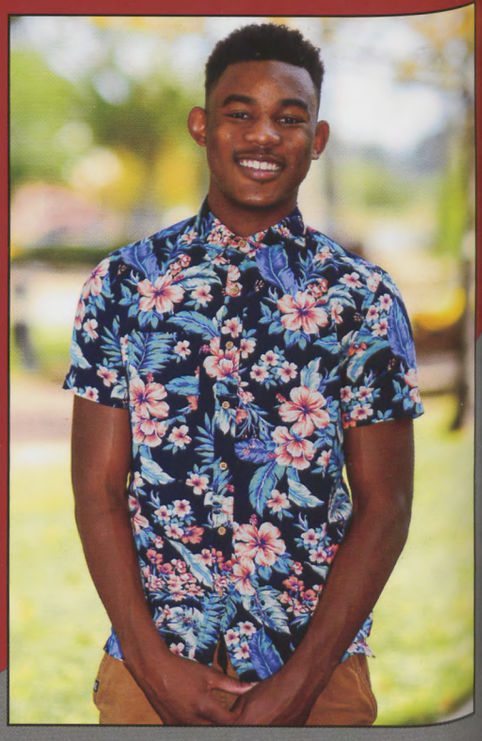
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Casey Haygood



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sophomore favorites



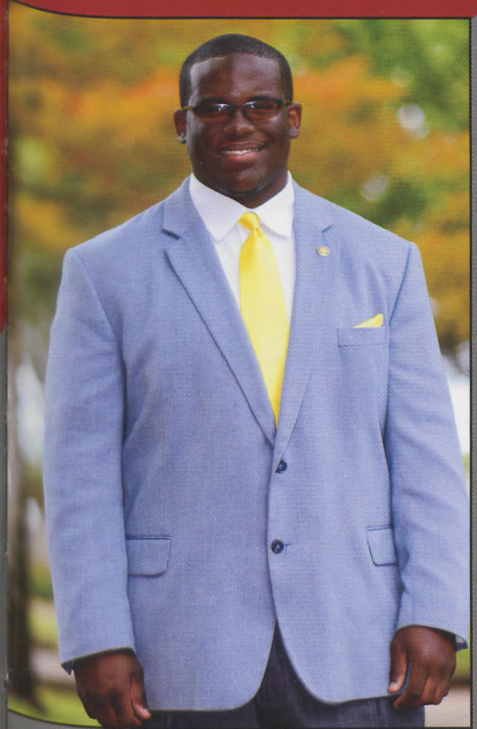
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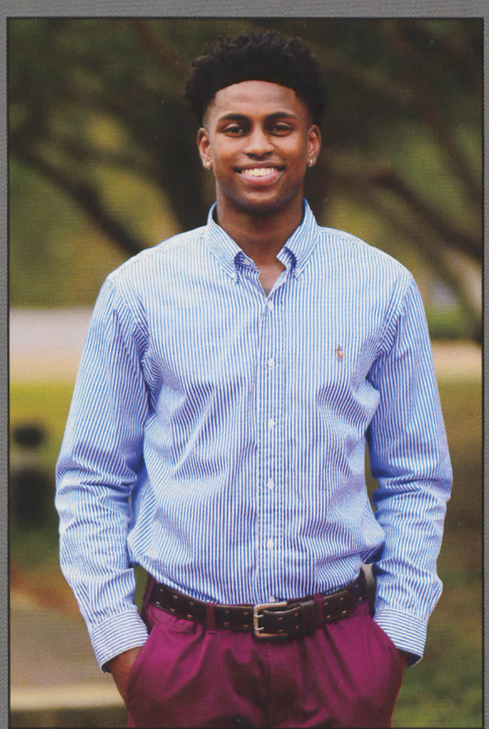
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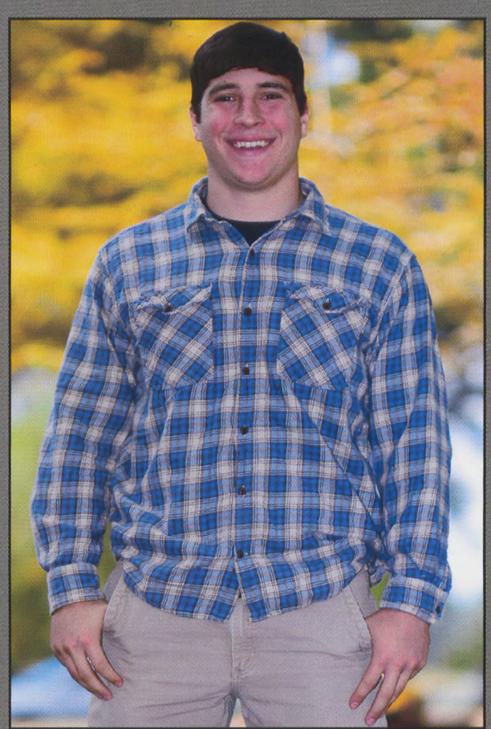
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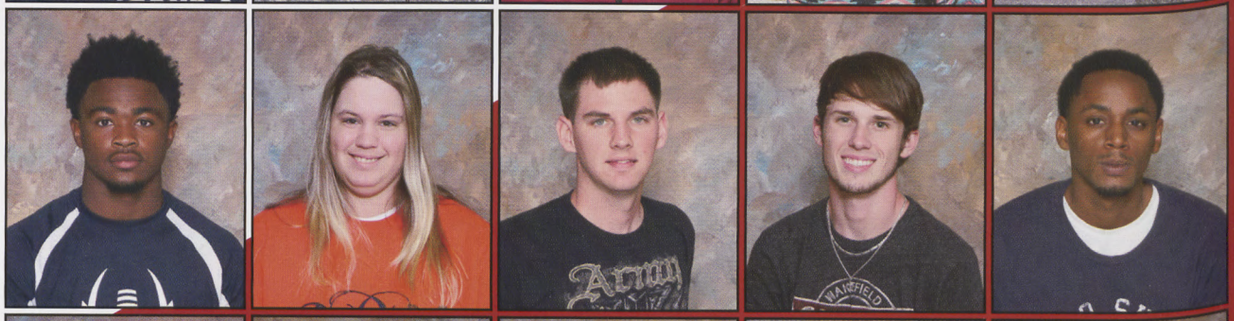
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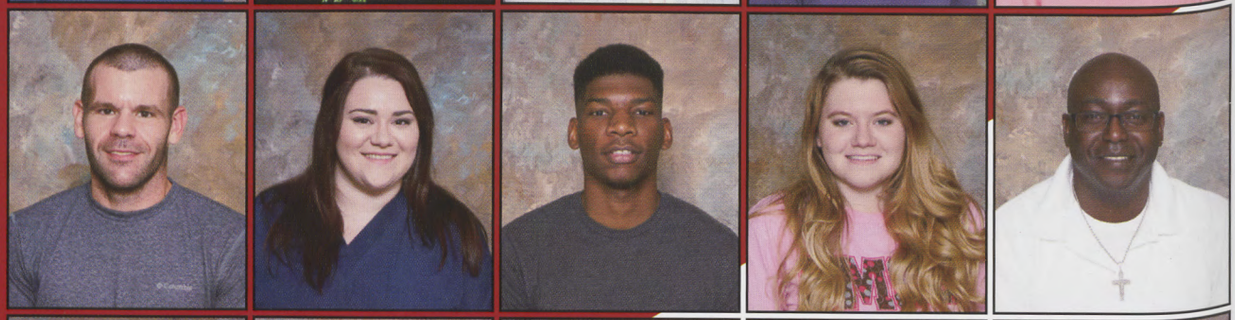
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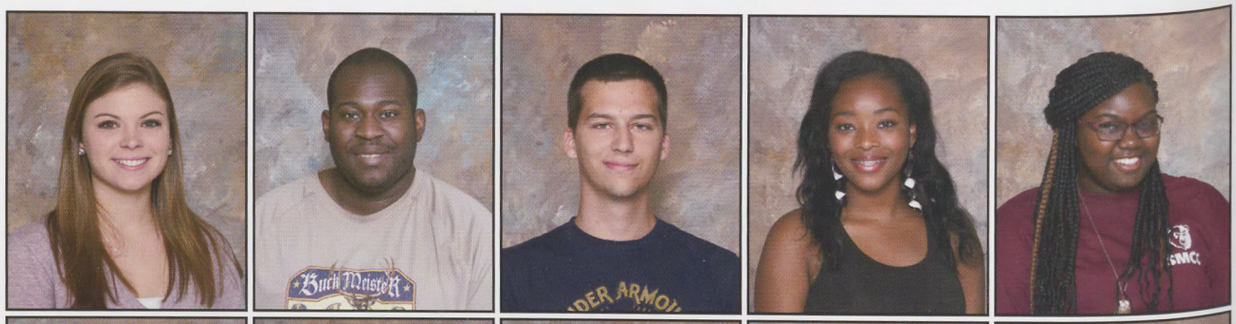
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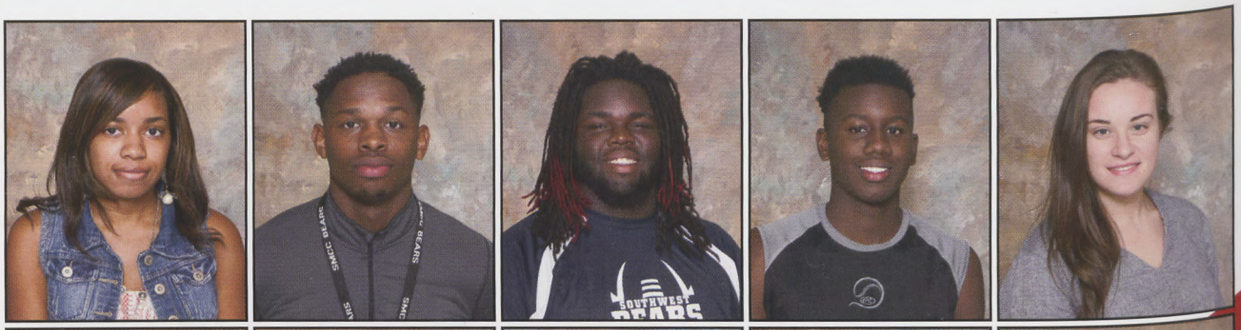
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jeremiah kasozi

Traveling all the way from Kampala, Uganda, freshman student Jeremiah Kasozi made his way to Southwest by moving alongside his father, a missionary who emigrated to the United States in 2013. Jeremiah first lived in Denver, Colorado, before he moved to Mississippi.

Jeremiah said he chose Southwest because he was impressed by the school, and he received a recommendation from a friend who told him Southwest had a world-class nursing program. Jeremiah was enrolled in the nursing program at Southwest, and he hoped to become a registered nurse and work in the health sector while helping others and giving back to the community. Science was his favorite subject in school, and his family contained many generations of teachers.

He attended the Uganda Christian University in Mukono, Uganda. It was a private university which was founded by the Anglican Church of Uganda in 1997. He took frequent visits home during the summer to visit his family. He spoke English, Luganda, French, and Swahili, and he had also visited the countries of Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania. Jeremiah loved the fact that America had laws and that Americans tended to have a lot of pride. He worked at Family Dollar in Tylertown, Mississippi, and hoped to go straight into nursing after his time spent at Southwest. Jeremiah wanted to take a chance at advancing while there were multiple work options available and explore America while he did what he loved.

by Seth Nieman and Christian Green

"As I continue my studies in the Associate Degree Nursing program at Southwest, I hope to get the best skills and training as a registered nurse so that I can serve my community and inspire more young people in Uganda to achieve their dreams."

- Jeremiah Kasozi

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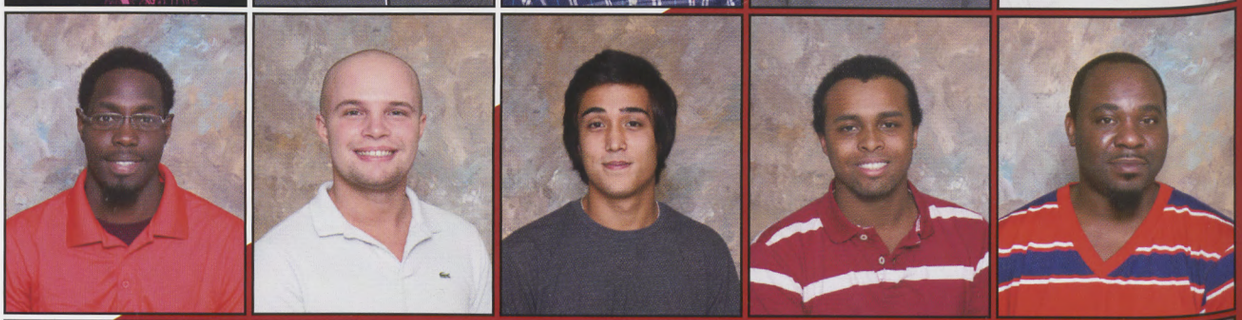
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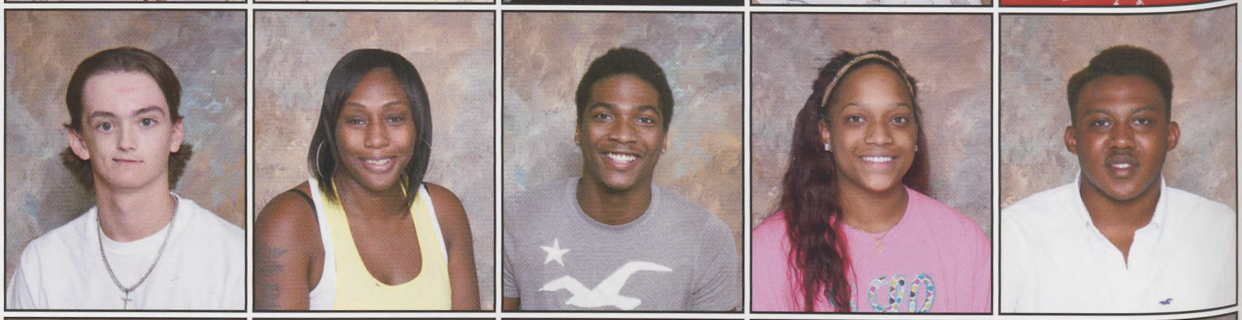
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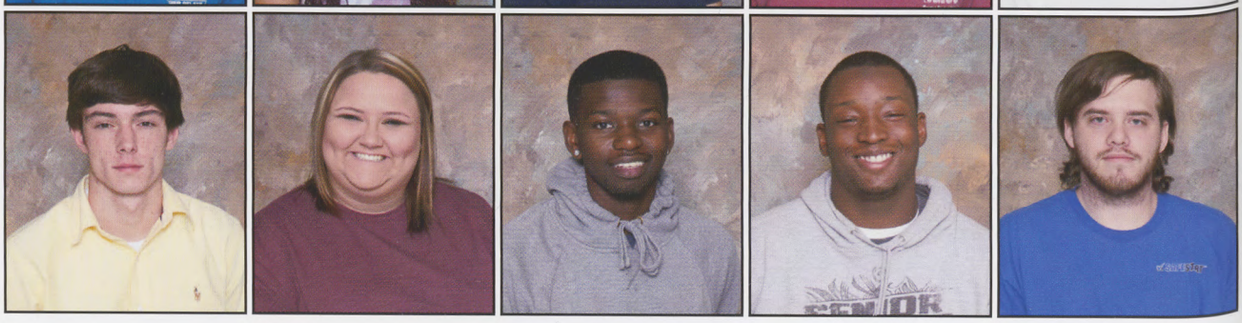
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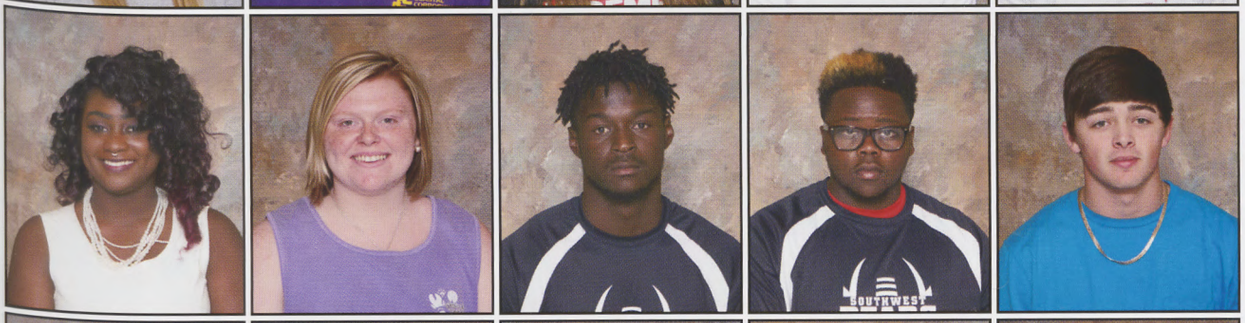


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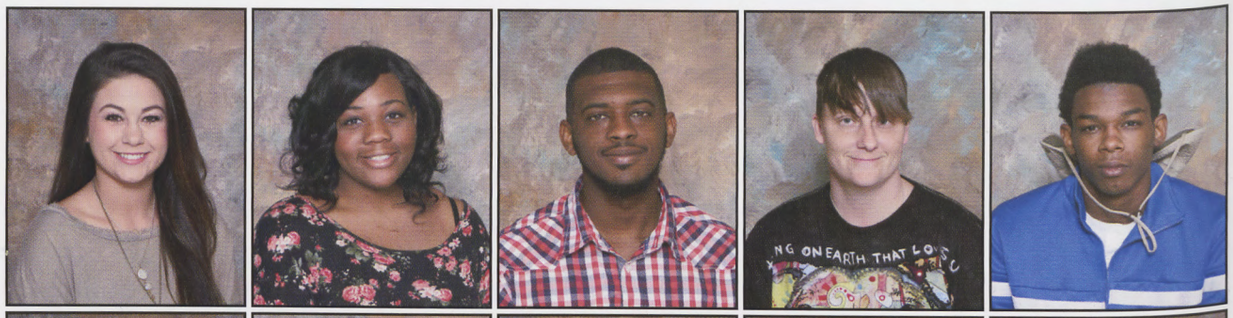
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shanne pigott

Colorado was very different from Mississippi, a fact that freshman Shanne Pigott realized when she came all the way to Southwest to further her education. "Everything from the weather, activities, and even the people differ between the two states," Pigott said. "Humidity is a big change, especially for me. I like the warm air, but it is wet and heavy. On the other hand, Colorado is dry. Any place you go has its own weather problems, but no place compares to Colorado. You can wake up to a blizzard, but the afternoon could be sunny and melting the snow away. Driving in snow is definitely an issue for everyone wherever you go. I will be the first to admit that it is difficult. However, as soon as the forecast says snow is in the near future, everyone starts acting as if they cannot drive." Comparing Colorado's weather to Mississippi, Shanne said the weather in the South seems to be really sunny with an occasional rainy day.

Shanne said, "During the fall when the leaves of trees change to various colors in Colorado, it is quite a sight to see and a big reason why we might be known as 'Colorful Colorado.'" However, she said that in the winter everyone woke up early on the weekends and headed to the mountains to ski and snowboard whenever they got the chance. "Once summer comes around and winter parks close down for the summer, we continue to go up on the weekends for other activities such as hiking, biking, and festivals. Most of our friends and relatives have cabins in the mountains where we stay and hang out until we have to go back to the city life," she stated. While living in the country was an experience that Shanne said she would surely never forget, she still liked the advantage of being five minutes away from places like Chick-fil-A and Starbucks in a more urban atmosphere. A native of Aurora, Colorado, Pigott majored in psychology and minored in social work. She planned to attend Colorado State University after graduating from Southwest.

by Seth Nieman

"*While attending Southwest, I really enjoyed the way that organizations played such a major role on the campus such as the BSU and the yearbook staff.*"

-Shanne Pigott

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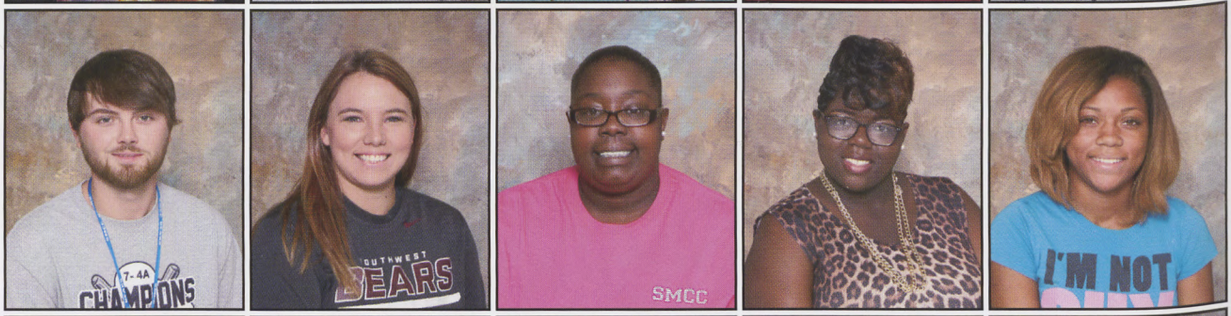
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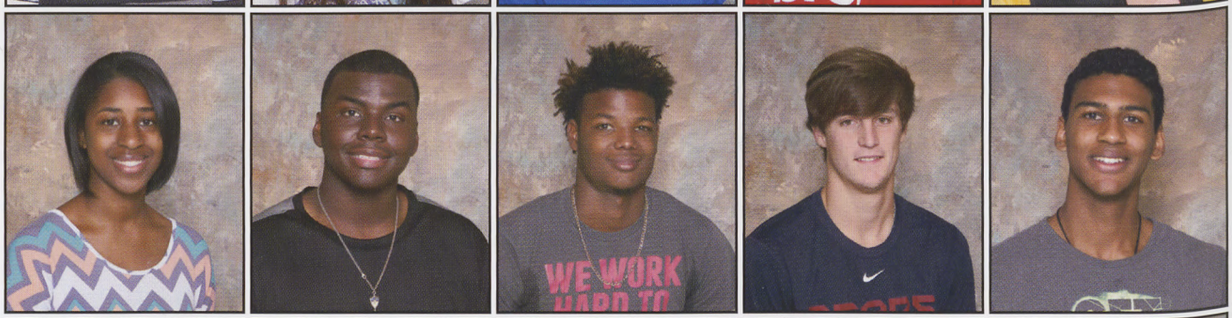
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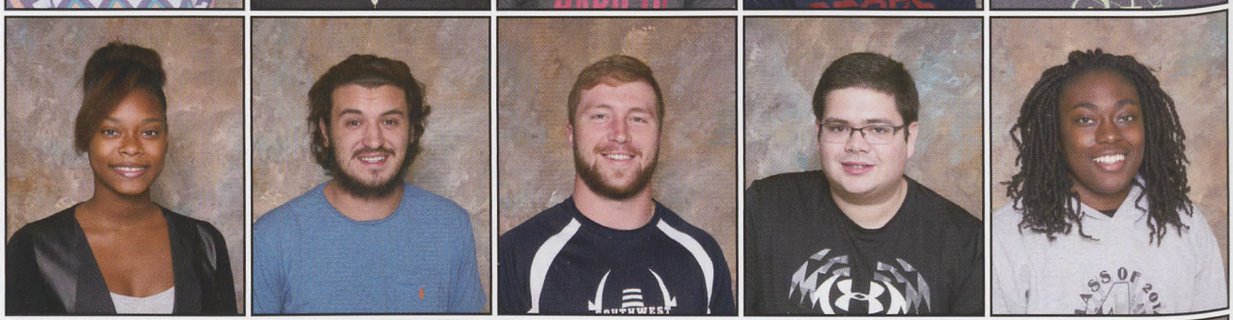
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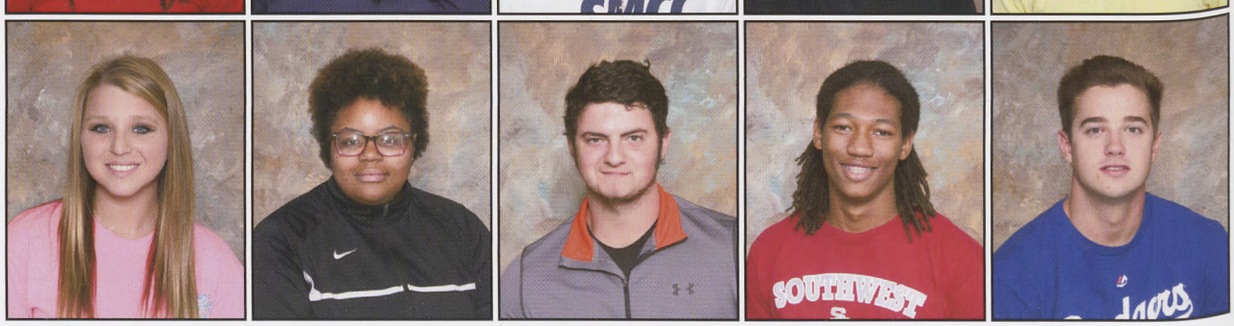
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Soccer might have been what brought Vadim Drake all the way to Southwest, but the twenty-two-year old sophomore student from Ukraine said the education he received at Southwest was also beneficial during his time here. "I like the education at Southwest and right now all of the sports are advancing as well," Drake said.

Drake played forward for the Bears, and finished his soccer career at Southwest with four goals combined between his freshman and sophomore seasons. One of which happened to be a game-winning goal during his freshman season against Pearl River Community College.

Drake was born and raised in Sevastopol, Ukraine, and found his way to South Mississippi after being adopted in 2012. He moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he attended Oak Grove High School and played soccer for the Oak Grove Warriors. "I came to Southwest because of the soccer program, and I met Coach Gallant by going to several camps throughout the state," Drake said. He lived in Nashville, Tennessee, and had three brothers and one sister.

Some of his hobbies included reading books and articles, keeping up with sports, and he also had an interest in the topics of history and medicine. He liked to travel; he visited five different countries outside of Ukraine and the United States, including France, Russia, Greece, Haiti, and England.

Drake's favorite soccer team was FC Bayern Munich, the most successful club in German football history, and his favorite player was Lionel Messi, who played for Barcelona. After graduating in May, Vadim planned to try out for soccer teams at different schools to see if he could make it somewhere, William Carey being one in particular. If it did not work out for him, he planned to attend Ole Miss and major in exercise science in hopes of applying to physical therapy school.

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"*Southwest prepared me in the classroom and on the soccer field for my future plans, which include attending physical therapy school and playing soccer.*"

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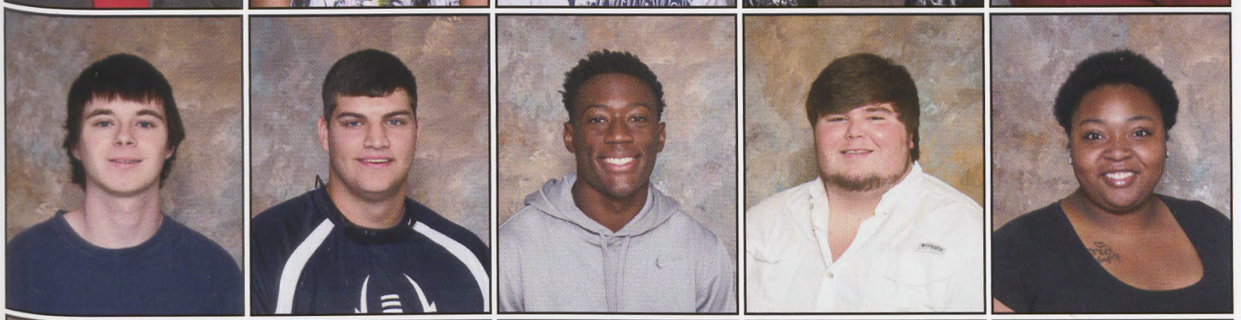
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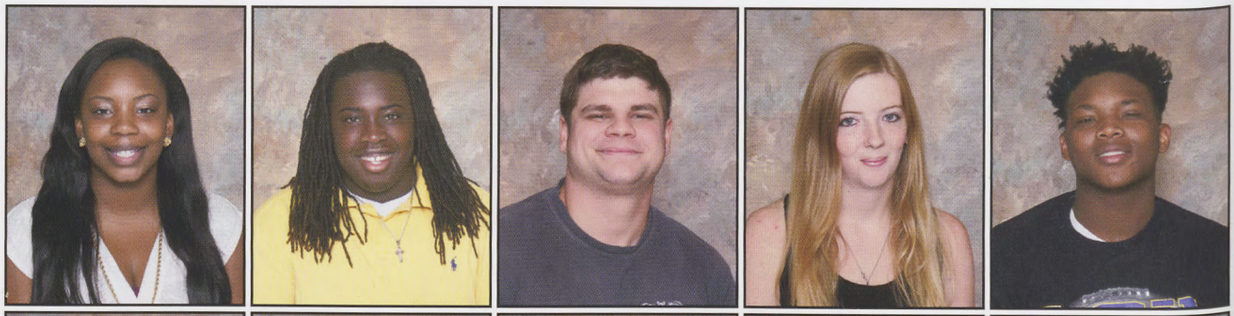
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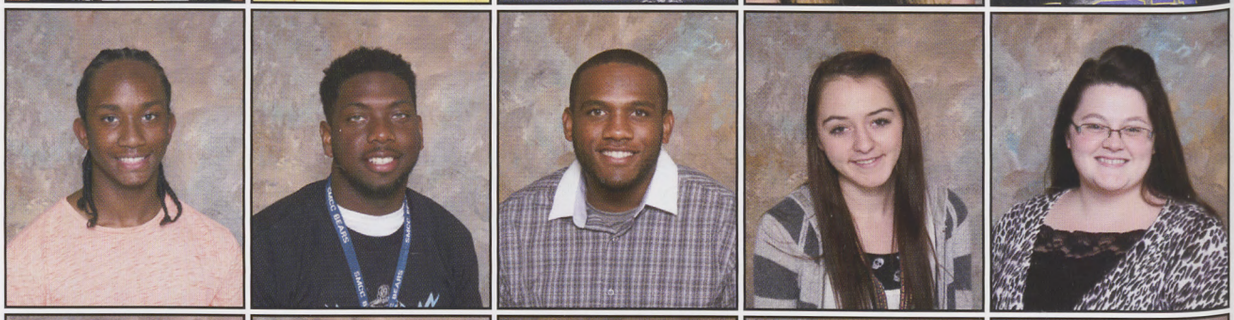
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"I have absolutely loved being a Bear; I made so many new friends and countless memories. Coming to Southwest was truly the best decision I have ever made."

- Alexis Butler



above: Taylor Gregory, Jonathon Traigle, and Jalea Robinson perform at the Spring Stage Band show; right: Tyras Wraggs amps up the crowd at the pep rally; middle right: Charlie the Bear gets ready to meet fans at the 8:30 Madness; far right: Jessie Penton smiles as she is introduced at Meet the Bears.



ROAR

Exponential quantities of "Roar" activity took place at Southwest. The many celebrations, special events, and athletic functions all fed in to an electrifying atmosphere. Everything from roaring bonfires to a Mardi Gras parade full of yelling Bears kept the energy alive.

At Bear Necessities Day when competitors were rumbling across the playing field to the finish line, the campus was alit with life and excitement. The laughter and joy of the players and audience were contagious. Acoustic reverberations echoed from the Fine Arts building on the day of the pep rally. Members of the audience joined in on the games and showed their support for the football team. Outcries of applause boosted the team's confidence, and they brought that confidence to the game and played their hardest. Sheer joy ensued as rowdy Bears fans took part in the Tailgating activities on Thursday nights. Gathered outside of the football field, the fans devoured hamburgers, hotdogs, and the like. Team spirit filled the air and created an electrifying atmosphere. Intramural sports filled the spare time of competitive students. Team activities ranging from flag football to dodgeball corralled rambunctious Bears and afforded them the opportunity to channel their energy into a competitive outlet. Baptist Student Union functions drew large crowds of Southwest students. The BSU was a major contributor to campus and community morale through their many outreach programs. Fundraisers benefitting Southwest and missionary work contributed to the overall success of college spiritual life. As the graduate tossed his cap into the air, he roared with determination.

"Roar" was the perfect adjective to describe the magnitude of happenings at Southwest. Every action taken was made in an attempt to ensure that the campus achieved that ultimate goal. From the countless hours spent in the classroom and the time contributed to bettering the institution, students, faculty, and staff fought their way to the top, snarling the whole way.

by Cody Pol







ROAR



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Determined to create a yearbook that symbolized our college, we decided on the theme of "ROAR" based on the fact that Southwest was exploding with enthusiasm. Always first in the eyes of the administration, students, and faculty, whether through academics, athletics, or organizations, we always went the extra mile to preserve all of the memories experienced at Southwest. As editors in creating this book, we aimed to document the actions that kept Southwest excited.

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